



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA  
March 16, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

Call to order: Todd Johnson, Chairman  
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Nick Shealy, Councilman

1. Adoption of the Consent Agenda
2. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of the Agenda
3. Public Appearance
  - a. Ben Setzler, Newberry County Soil and Water Conservation District
  - b. Jessie Long, Director of Parks and Recreation
  - c. Sheriff Lee Foster
  - d. David Parnell, Director Veteran Affairs
4. Council to consider agreement between Newberry County Sheriff's Office and the Newberry County School District for School Resource Officers Program
5. Ordinance No. 02-02-2022 – An ordinance amending the Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year 2021-22, Ordinance Number 04-12-21, to provided for revised revenue and expenditure appropriations related to operating and capital purposes of Newberry County
  - a. Public Hearing
  - b. Third and Final Reading
6. Ordinance No. 03-04-2022 - An ordinance amending the zoning ordinance of the County of Newberry adopted June 30, 2016, so as to amend the zoning map acting on a request to amend the official zoning map established, codified in Chapter 153 of the County of Newberry Code of Ordinances, so as to rezone three (3) real estate parcel totaling thirteen and ninety-one hundredths (13.91) acres designated as TMS Parcels No. 639-8, 639-87, and 639-88 from RS-Single family residential to R2-Rural
  - a. Second Reading

**7. Ordinance No. 03-05-2022 - An ordinance amending the zoning ordinance of the County of Newberry adopted June 30, 2016, so as to amend the zoning map acting on a request to amend the official zoning map established, codified in Chapter 153 of the County of Newberry Code of Ordinances, so as to rezone one (1) real estate parcel totaling one and forty-nine hundredths (1.49) acres designated as TMS Parcels No. 340-2-21 from RS-Single family residential to R2-Rural**

**a. Second Reading**

**8. Executive Session**

**(1) Code Section 30-4-70 (a)(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.**

**(2) Code Session 30-4-70 (a)(5): Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.**

**9. Ordinance No 2-3-2022 – An Ordinance to declare surplus and approve the sale and transfer of a parcel of real estate property owned by Newberry County**

**a. Public Hearing**

**b. Third and Final Reading**

**10. Resolution establishing a Newberry County Council Economic Development Task Force to assist in creating an Economic Development Strategic Plan**

**11. Resolution amending the Newberry County Employee Handbook to add Veterans Day as a holiday**

**12. Council to prioritize County sponsored CPST project**

**13. Public Comments**

**14. Comments/Requests from County Administrator**

**15. Comments/Requests from Council Members**

## 16. Future Meetings

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|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| a. Finance Committee      | 3/28/2022 | 6:00 P.M.                        |
| b. County Council Meeting | 4/6/2022  | 6:00 P.M.                        |
| c. Budget Work Session    | 4/12/2022 | 6:00 P.M.                        |
| d. County Council Meeting | 4/20/2022 | 6:00 P.M. * Budget First Reading |
| e. Executive Committee    | 4/25/2022 | 6:00 P.M.                        |
| f. Budget Work Session    | 4/26/2022 | 6:00 P.M.                        |

## 17. Adjournment

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Budget Planning Workshops minutes – 2/3-4/2022
- b. County Council minutes - 2-4-2022
- c. CPST County Council minutes – 2/14/2022
- d. County Council minutes – 2/16/2022





**AND IT IS SO ORDAINED** by Newberry County Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022, in meeting duly assembled at Newberry, South Carolina.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

(SEAL)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Todd Johnson, Chairman**

**Attest:**

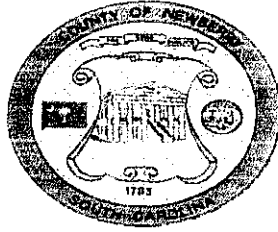
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**Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council**

**First Reading:**  
**Second Reading:**  
**Public Hearing:**  
**Third Reading:**

**Reviewed and approved as to form:**

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**A. J. Tothacer, Jr. County Attorney**

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**Christopher S. Inglese, County Administrator**



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

### Agenda Briefing

Prepared By: Katie Werts	Title: Zoning Administrator
Department: Planning & Zoning	Division: N/A
Date Prepared: February 18, 2022	Meeting Date: March 2, 2022
Legal Review: Jay, County Attorney	Date: February 23, 2022
Budget Review: N/A	Date: N/A
Approved for Consideration: Joint Planning Commission	Date: February 15, 2022
Request Consideration by Committee / County Council: County Council	
Subject: Ordinance # 03-04-2022	

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This ordinance is for the rezoning of three real estate parcels totaling thirteen and ninety-one hundredths (13.91) acres located at 1420 Mt. Tabor Road, between US Highway 76 and Old Dutch Road to R2-Rural from RS – Single Family Residential. Tax Map No. 639-8, 639-87, and 639-88. The Joint Planning Commission did recommend that this real estate parcel be rezoned to R2- Rural.

**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:**

N/A

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE APPEALS OR LEGAL ENFORCEMENT**

Ordinance has been reviewed by the County Attorney.

**SUMMARY DISCUSSION:**

**This ordinance is for the rezoning of three real estate parcels totaling thirteen and ninety-one hundredths (13.91) acres located at 1420 Mt. Tabor Road, between US Highway 76 and Old Dutch Road to R2-Rural from RS – Single Family Residential to allow the placement of a manufactured home. This area is currently populated with manufactured homes.**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**None**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Ordinance No. 03-04-2022**





**WHEREAS**, the Newberry County Joint Planning Commission, in case number MA02-02-15-22, had this matter on its agenda and considered this request and received comments as to both the existing and intended uses of the property. The Joint Planning Commission determined that it concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Staff. The Planning Commission has now forwarded its report on the rezoning request to Newberry County Council, as required by law, for consideration of its actions by Newberry County Council.

**WHEREAS**, Newberry County Council is familiar with the site and the existing uses of the properties along this portion of Mt. Tabor Road;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Newberry County Council makes the following findings of fact and law as to the merits of the rezoning request concerning Tax Map No. 639-8, 639-87, and 639-88 totaling thirteen and ninety-one hundredths (13.91) acres located at 1420 Mt. Tabor Road, as more particularly shown on the plat accompanying the submitted "Official Zoning Map Amendment Application" included in the submitted Planning Commission report attached hereto, R2-Rural from RS – Single Family Residential:

A. That the proposed map amendment does promote the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan in the area.

B. This amendment is needed because the proposed development cannot be accomplished by the owner under the existing zoning district regulations.

C. That traffic patterns in the neighborhood will not be adversely affected by the change in zoning.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that:**

Newberry County Council hereby determines, based on the findings set forth above, that the attached rezoning request for a map amendment for TMS No. 639-8, 639-87, and 639-88 totaling thirteen and ninety-one (13.91) acres real estate parcel as acted on by the Planning Commission, be:

\_\_\_\_\_ disapproved;

\_\_\_\_\_ approved; or

\_\_\_\_\_ approved with the following modifications: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

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**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**(SEAL)**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**Attest:**

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Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

1<sup>st</sup> reading: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: \_\_\_\_\_

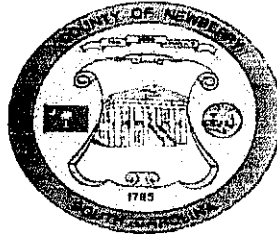
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3<sup>rd</sup> reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed and approved as to form:

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Subject: Ordinance # 03-05-2022	

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This ordinance is for the rezoning of one real estate parcel totaling one and forty-nine hundredths (1.49) acres located at 119 Pender Ridge Road, between Apple Orchard Lane and Grace's Lane to R2-Rural from RS – Single Family Residential. Tax Map No. 340-2-21. The Joint Planning Commission did recommend that this real estate parcel be rezoned to R2- Rural.

**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:**

N/A

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREAS FOR LEGAL ENFORCEMENT:**

Ordinance has been reviewed by the County Attorney.

**SUMMARY DISCUSSION:**

**This ordinance is for the rezoning of one real estate parcel totaling one and forty-nine hundredths (1.49) acres located at 119 Pender Ridge Road, between Apple Orchard Lane and Grace's Lane to R2-Rural from RS – Single Family Residential for the placement of mini-storage units. Mini-storage units are allowed in the R2-Rural zoning district as a conditional use.**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**None**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Ordinance No. 03-05-2022**



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**WHEREAS**, Newberry County Council is familiar with the site and the existing uses of the properties along this portion of Pender Ridge Road;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Newberry County Council makes the following findings of fact and law as to the merits of the rezoning request concerning Tax Map No. 340-2-21 totaling one and forty-nine hundredths (1.49) acres located at 119 Pender Ridge Road, as more particularly shown on the plat accompanying the submitted "Official Zoning Map Amendment Application" included in the submitted Planning Commission report attached hereto, R2-Rural from RS – Single Family Residential:

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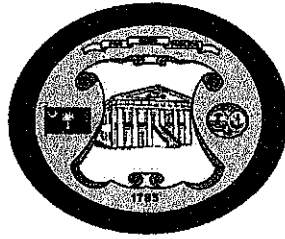
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### Agenda Briefing

Prepared By: Ben Chapman	Title: Captain
Department: Sheriff	Division: Sheriff
Date Prepared: 3/9/22	Meeting Date: 3/16/22
Legal Review: No	Date:
Budget Review: No	Date:
Approved for Consideration:	Date:
Request Consideration by Committee / County Council	
Subject: Newberry Sheriff's Office and School District Agreement	

STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FIDUCIARY:

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

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

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

SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

**Agreement Between the  
Newberry County Sheriff's Office  
And  
The School District of Newberry County  
For  
School Resource Office Program**

This agreement is made and entered into this 28th day of February, 2022, by and between the Newberry County Sheriff's Office and the School District of Newberry County. The purpose of this agreement is to create unity and understanding of the function of the School Resource Officers in the School District of Newberry County.

**Goals and Objectives:**

- 1.) Maintain a safe secure environment on campus that is conducive to learning.
- 2.) Promote positive attitudes regarding the police role in society and to inform students of their rights and responsibilities as lawful citizens.
- 3.) Establish a positive working relationship in a cooperative effort to assist in student development and to prevent juvenile delinquency.
- 4.) Accurately record any acts that are deemed a violation of local, state, or federal law to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and administrators of the School District of Newberry County, as well as, to provide documentation of patterns, trends, and regularity of criminal events on school campuses.

**Employment and Assignment of School Resource Officers:**

- 1.) The Newberry County Sheriff's Office will select the school resource officers and assign the officers to one or more schools in the School District of Newberry County as agreed upon by the parties, and as funding is available.

2.) The salary and fringe benefits for the School Resource Officers will be paid by the County of Newberry but will be reimbursed in full by the School District of Newberry County. Any furloughs, reduction of staff, and other budgetary cutbacks or constraints enacted by the School District of Newberry County limiting the amount of reimbursement will directly affect the working hours, salary, and total compensation of the School Resource Officers.

3.) The County of Newberry and Newberry County Sheriff's Office will provide all fringe benefits for School Resource Officers. These benefits will include but not be limited to workman's compensation insurance; opportunity to participate in any and all county health, dental, vision, life and other forms of insurance; participation in the South Carolina Police Officer Retirement System or other applicable retirement system; and any other benefits normally offered to law enforcement officers employed by the Newberry County Sheriff's Office. In addition, the County of Newberry will maintain responsibility for all payroll deductions such as Social Security, Federal and State taxes, and any other appropriate deductions as deemed necessary.

4.) In the event that a School Resource Officers is absent from work, the School Resource Officer will notify the SRO Lieutenant of the Newberry County Sheriff's Office. Once the absence is approved, the School Resource Officers will then notify the principal at the school or schools, which they are assigned. The Newberry County Sheriff's Office will make every effort to provide maximum coverage for the schools during this absence.

5.) School Resource Officers shall remain employees of the Newberry County Sheriff's Office and will not be employees of the School District of Newberry County. The School District and the Newberry County Sheriff's Office acknowledge that the School Resource Officers remain responsive to the command of the Newberry County Sheriff's Office. However, the Newberry County Sheriff's Office will be responsive to the needs and reasonable requests of the School District of Newberry County as the two agencies work closely together through effective communication to ensure proper employment and utilization of officers, the most effective usage and coverage by the officers, and an overall environment of communication and cooperation to provide the safest possible environment in the schools of Newberry County.

## **Hours and Events:**

- 1.) Each School Resource Officer is assigned to a school or schools with the School Resource Officer Lieutenant who will provide field supervision to the unit and assist with the coverage to the elementary schools. All School Resource Officers shall be assigned to the School Resource Officer Program on a full-time basis. The School Resource Officers will arrive at the assigned schools at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of school and remain on campus no less than thirty (30) minutes after school is released.
- 2.) During regular hours, the School Resource Officers may be off campus performing such task as may be required by their assignment (Court, Arrests, Training, Etc.). The School Resource Officers will notify the principal or their designee and School Resource Officer Lieutenant when they leave campus.
- 3.) The School Resource Officers will communicate with Newberry County Communications their arrival at school, anytime they leave their assigned school, any escorts, or any other activity that takes the School Resource Officers away from his/her assigned school or schools.
- 4.) School Resource Officers will not leave the school to attend field trips or other functions without express permission from the School District Superintendant and permission from the overall commander of the School Resource Officer unit. This provides for the maximum protection and safety of the campus and the greatest number of students.
- 5) School Resource Officers are allowed and encouraged to participate in school functions such as coaching, mentoring, and the like. However, at no time without the express permission from the School Principal and the permission of the overall commander of the School Resource Officers unit should a School Resource Officers leave his or her duties as a School Resource Officers to attend these extra circular activities. Again, a clear indication that our greatest responsibility to campus security and the safety of the children whom we serve.

6) Any School Resource Officers may enter into contractual agreement with the School District of Newberry County for coach duties, after school programs, security, and other special events. The School District of Newberry County will pay the School Resource Officers for these functions. When attending such functions, the School Resource Officers will consult with school officials regarding areas to be patrolled and covered during these extracurricular activities such as athletic events. School Resource Officers should ensure that officers are spread out at providing adequate coverage and security.

7.) When a School Resource Officers works after school functions such as sporting events and dances, the School Resource Officers will remain at the event until the School Resource Officer has conducted a security check of the campus, the School Resource Officer has determined that the campus is clear or nearly clear of students and persons, and the School Resource Officer has conferred with the school administrator responsible for the event.

8.) All School Resource Officers will wear their class "A" uniform and carry their duty weapon while at school. In addition, officers will wear their bullet resistant vest while in this uniform in accordance with Sheriff's Office policy.

**Duties of the School Resource Officer:**

1.) The School Resource Officers will work to become a vital, functioning part of the school or schools that he or she is assigned.

2.) The School Resource Officers shall assist the principal in developing plans and strategies to prevent and/or minimize dangerous situations that may occur on campus. The School District of Newberry County must approve any changes to the Emergency Management Plan.

3.) The School Resource Officers shall present programs on various topics to the students as law related education. Subjects will include a basic understanding of the law, the role of law enforcement, drug awareness, anger management, and the mission of law enforcement. All presentations must be approved and coordinated through the school administration and the School District of Newberry County.

4.) The School Resource Officers will interact with students on an individual and small group basis.

5.) No School Resource Officers will interview a student of any Newberry County School without a member of the School District of Newberry County or another officer present. The only exception to this would be an immediate, dangerous situation such as but not limited to a weapon on school grounds.

6.) The School Resource Officers will be available for conferences involving teachers, parents, and faculty.

7.) The School Resource Officers will attend PTO, PTA, and other Parent/Teacher conferences for his or her school.

8.) The School Resource Officers will work with the Guidance Counselor to participate in small group counseling sessions. The School Resource Officers will not act in lieu of the Guidance Counselor.

9.) The School Resource Officers will contact the Guidance Counselor or School Administrator, who will accompany the School Resource Officers to the hospital when students are taken from school for mental evaluations.

10.) The School Resource Officers will be familiar with agencies and resources that offer assistance to youth and their families and make referrals when necessary.

11.) The School Resource Officers will take law enforcement action when necessary.

12.) The School Resource Officers will make random walking patrols of his or her schools.

13.) The School Resource Officers will conduct investigations of incidents that may arise at the assigned school; however, the School Resource Officers must be able to distinguish if other units are needed for follow-up investigation.

14.) The School Resource Officers will not investigate off campus incidents on

campus unless the incident creates an immediate threat, disruption, or other situation within the school. Before investigating any off-campus matter, the School Resource Officers will contact the school principal and must receive his approval before beginning any such investigation.

15.) The School Resource Officers will contact the principal of the school about his actions, and to make him or her aware of an arrest or crime. The School Resource Officers will also provide the principal with a copy of any police report made involving an incident on school grounds.

16.) The School Resource Officers will notify the principal before removing any student from school.

17.) The School Resource Officers can take law enforcement action against any intruders and unwanted guest who appear on school property at the principal's request.

18.) The School Resource Officers will not be used as a school disciplinarian. If the principal believes an incident is a violation of the law, he or she may contact the School Resource Officers to see what law enforcement action is needed.

19.) While the School Resource Officers may be present for an administrative search of a student for the safety of the administrator, the School Resource Officers cannot conduct the administrative search.

20.) The School Resource Officers may point out school code violations to students if they are in violation of those codes. If the student fails to comply with the School Resource Officers, then the student will be referred to school personnel for further action. The School Resource Officers cannot enforce these school code violations.

21.) The School Resource Officers should not conduct routine transports of students such as students who have missed the bus, sick, or other such situations. The School Resource Officers may conduct student escort in limited circumstances when deemed appropriate by the School Resource Officers.

22.) Students who are escorted who are under the age of accountability or who

are limited with mental or physical capabilities will only be left with a parent, guardian, or responsible adult.

23.) Students arrested by School Resource Officers will be taken to a law enforcement agency such as the Newberry County Sheriff's Office or Whitmire Police Department. It is from that location that a determination will be made as to whether to detain the child or released to a parent or guardian.

24.) The School Resource Officers will follow all Newberry County Sheriff's Office policy and procedures regarding the collection of evidence.

25.) The School Resource Officers will follow all policies and procedures of the Newberry County Sheriff's Office.

26.) The School Resource Officer will follow all local, state, and Federal law, as well as School Board policy in the performance of their duties.

27.) Each School Resource Officer will be assigned various duties within the Newberry County Sheriff's Office on days when school is not in session.

28.) Each School Resource Officer will check in with the Newberry County Sheriff's Office on a daily basis for message, training announcements, and other important information distributed at the sheriff's office.

29.) Each School Resource Officer will file incident reports based on the complaints filed in the school. All incident reports must be turned into the Newberry County Sheriff's Office prior to the office's ending his tour of duty for that day.

#### **Dismissal:**

1.) In the event the principal of the school or school district superintendent to which the School Resource Officers is assigned feels that a particular School Resource Officers in not effectively performing his or her duties and responsibilities, the principal shall contact the School Resource Officers overall



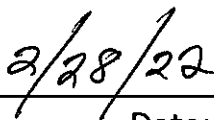
commander to arrange a meeting with the principal to resolve any problems.

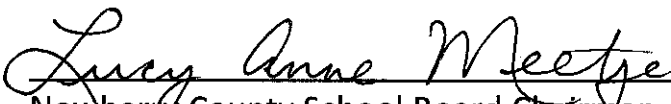
2.) The School District of Newberry County and the Newberry County Sheriff's Office with mutual consent of the parties for the greater good of the students of Newberry County may remove any School Resource Officers from the programs at any time.

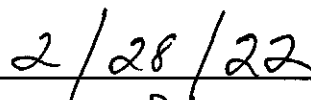
The agreement constitutes a final written expression of all the terms of this agreement and is complete as an exclusive statement of those terms. In Witness Whereof, the parties have caused this agreement to be signed by their duly authorized officers.

**Signed:**

  
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School District of Newberry County Superintendent

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Newberry County School Board Chairman  
(Upon Vote of the School Board)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Newberry County Sheriff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Council Chairman of Newberry County  
(Upon Vote of the County Council)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:



Storage; and on the West by property now or formerly of Billye L. West, property now or formerly of Raymond D. Hobby, and South Carolina Highway No. 34. DERIVATION: Deed from Verna K. Cavanaugh dated December 10, 2008 recorded in Deed Book 1400 at page 152.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY NEWBERRY COUNTY**

**COUNCIL:**

That the conveyance of the One Hundred and Twelve and 18/100 (112.18) acres to South Florida Tissue Paper Company for One Million and Two Hundred and Ten Thousand and no/100 (\$1,210,000.00) Dollars of any interest of Newberry County is approved, and the Chairman of Newberry County Council is hereby authorized to execute a Limited Warranty deed releasing and conveying such interest to South Florida Tissue Paper Company, upon final approval of this Ordinance. Attached is a plat showing the actual location and metes and bounds of the parcel as prepared by Baxter Land Surveying dated September 22, 2007

**AND IT IS SO ORDAINED** by Newberry County Council this 16th day of March, 2022 in meeting duly assembled at Newberry, South Carolina.

(SEAL)

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Johnson, Chairman

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

1<sup>st</sup> reading: February 16, 2022  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading: March 2, 2022  
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Reviewed and approved as to form

\_\_\_\_\_  
A. J. Tothacer, Jr., County Attorney

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Christopher S. Inglese,  
County Administrator

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )**  
**) NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL AD HOC**  
**) COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN CREATING**  
**) AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**COUNTY OF NEWBERRY ) STRATEGIC PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Newberry County Council (“Council”) desires to create a strategic plan for future Economic Development activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Council wishes to create a ten (10) member Ad Hoc Task Force Committee to work closely with staff and the consultant through the intensive process pursuant to § 31.12 “County Council Committees” ; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expected the process will take 9-12 months with approximately 10 intensive meetings lasting several hours each; and

**WHEREAS**, meetings will be held throughout the County and seek input from the public; and

**WHEREAS**, this committee will cease functions as of June 30, 2023 unless extended by further Resolution of Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HEREBY ESTABLISHES THE NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK FORCE.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force will consist of seven (7) members appointed by Council and three (3) non-voting, ex-officio members appointed by the County Administrator;**

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED** this 16th day of March, 2022

(SEAL)

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BY: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Todd Johnson, Chairman**

**Attest:**

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**Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA        )**  
**)** **RESOLUTION AMENDING**  
**COUNTY OF NEWBERRY            )** **THE NEWBERRY COUNTY EMPLOYEE**  
**)** **HANDBOOK**

**WHEREAS**, Newberry County Council has determined that the Employee Handbook should be modified with the following change and addition in the Employee Handbook previously adopted by a Resolution dated September 19, 2018 (Resolution #07-18); and

**WHEREAS**, Veterans Day has been a federally observed holiday since 1938 and prior to that observed Armistice Day beginning in 1919 after World War I; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of South Carolina has observed Veterans Day as a paid holiday since 1994 and previously as a holiday since 1923; and

**WHEREAS**, at least 39 of the 46 Counties in South Carolina observe Veterans Day as a paid holiday for employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Newberry County encourages employers to acknowledge the service and sacrifices of our Veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 20 million adult veterans are living in the United States with over 400,000 living in South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 4,000 Veterans live in Newberry County and have served in times of crisis, whether, wartime or peacetime. These Veterans have sacrificed and should be recognized for what they have done.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL:**

Modifies Section 15 titled "OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS" by adding Veterans Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>) at number eight (8) and change the current 8 to 9 and so on such that the last subsection will be 14.

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED** this 16th day of March 2022.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**(SEAL)**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Todd Johnson, Chairman**

**Attest:**

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**Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council**

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET PLANNING WORKSHOP  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 3-4, 2022**

The Newberry County Council met on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC., for a Budget Planning Workshop.

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

**PRESENT:** **Todd Johnson, Chairman (District 1)**  
**Les Hipp, Vice Chairman (District 5)**  
**Mary Arrowood, Council Member (District 2)**  
**Henry H. Livingston, III, Council Member (District 3)**  
**Robert N. Shealy, Council Member (District 4)**  
**Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member (District 6)**  
**Travis Reeder, Council Member (District 7)**  
**Christopher Inglese, County Administrator**  
**A.J. Tothacer, Jr., County Attorney**  
**Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator**  
**Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director**  
**Susan C. Fellers,, Clerk to Council**  
**Crystal Waldrop, Procurement Director**

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and determined a quorum to be present.

Mr. Hipp had the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of the Agenda**

There being no additions or deletions to the Agenda, Mr. Hipp moved to adopt the Agenda, as presented; seconded by Mr. Shealy. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Inglese began the workshop with a short video by Simon Sinek.

The objectives for the Planning Session are as follows:

- Brief Council on several informational items
- Review and discuss questionnaires
- Presentation from SCAC publication on revenue options
- Review existing and proposed organizational structure
- Envision a 3-year plan for addressing operational needs of the County
- To provide direction to Administration for Administrator's recommended budget

The 4 P's of local government - Public Safety, Public Works, Planning, Parks and Recreation plus Facilities.

## **2. Presentations**

### **a. Public Safety**

**Sheriff Lee Foster** addressed Council regarding the following issues/needs of his department:

- salaries for deputies, corrections officers and communications. Non-competitive salaries are causing problems with hiring and retaining employees.
- The Detention Center is getting more and more inmates with health and mental issues. Food costs have increased tremendously. Food at the Detention Center is minimal but we have to meet the RDA requirements. We are asking for additional medical and food costs.
- As to technology, radio equipment has been requested for the past two years and has not yet been funded. The Department of Justice requires these upgrades. After 2025 the radios will not work on the current network. Money is also needed to maintain what we have now.
- Additional funding is needed for fuel costs.
- The Sheriff's Office does not have an attorney at their disposal.
- Ballistic vests need to be replaced because of their shelf life.

- Capital replacements.
- More personnel is needed. Annual calls for service have increased over the past years. DUI arrests have increased. Traffic fatalities have increased in Newberry County. We have one of the highest per capita death rates of any county.
- Computer upgrades.
- Furniture in the building needs to be replaced.
- A new correctional facility is needed. This process has been bogged down because of location, and grant money has been lost.

Mr. Inglese suggested the following as a way to pay for a new Detention Center:

● Overage from 2015 CPST	\$1,000,000	
● New CPST funds	\$6,000,000	
● ARP funds	\$3,000,000	
● Fee from municipal intakes	\$TBD	
● Federal/State grants	\$TBD	
● Increase Sheriff's Fees	\$TBD	
● Debt Service	\$TBD	
● Overage of 2022 CPST savings from pay as you go	\$TBD	-
● Reserves if needed	\$TBD	

Tommy Long addressed the issues faced by emergency services:

- Update on the fire fle
- Full time Fire Marshal - estimated base salary of \$50,000.
- Emergency Services Coordinator - estimated base salary of \$50,000.

The age of the fire fleet is a concern. Mr. Johnson requested that a study be made as to what equipment we have and where it is located.

Mr Long advised replacement of the fire fleet would be done gradually at a minimum of 2 per year. This has been submitted in the budget presented by Mr. Long.



A full time Fire Marshal would improve life safety concerns at industry locations and provide consistent fire inspections throughout the County.

The Emergency Services Coordinator would take some responsibility off Mr. Long. This person would respond to emergency calls in the County as needed and would assist Chief's with day to day operation.

#### **b. Public Works**

**Mike Pisano** advised his proposed budget has been submitted and thanked Council for their consideration and addressed the following needs:

- Currently 20% of the driver/operator positions are open, and he has interviewed several people from other agencies, who refused the position(s) after learning the salary.
- The costs of tonnage and tipping fees to the County. It is questionable as to whether the Transfer Station is designed for this tonnage. The mulching operation runs \$75,000 - \$90,000 per year. It is then given away. There is a \$25 per ton fee for commercial users.

Mr. Inglese advised that Mr. Pisano's areas of responsibility include the Airport, Animal Control, Collections/Convenience Centers, Mulch Processing, Transfer Station and Closed Landfill Monitoring. The County needs to consider some way to relieve some of these responsibilities from Public Works.

#### **c. Planning and Building**

**Katie Werts** discussed the following:

- Organizational chart of the Planning and Building Department
- Projected new construction permits for planned subdivisions
- Proposed unfilled positions - Director of Planning and Development Services, Building Inspector/CRS Floodplain Manager and Senior Planner.

#### **d. Parks and Recreation**

**Jessie Long** discussed the following:

- **Lynch's Woods Park is a passive park with no programs. Public Works helps to maintain the park.**
  - 7.5 miles of hiking and biking trails
  - 6.1 miles of equestrian trails
  - 3 mile section of Palmetto Trails - Lynch's Woods Passage
  - Open year round from dawn to dusk
  - No overnight camping permitted
- **The only ballfield the County owns is in Maybinton.**
  - Soccer has had the most growth. Fall participation in the age group of 3-13 consisted of 326 with 30 teams. The spring instructional clinic in conjunction with Newberry College consisted of 39 in 2020 and 94 in 2021. There are no true soccer fields in the County. Junior soccer was added last year for ages 12-17 with 80 participants.
  - Baseball and softball are falling behind.
  - Her department works closely with the coaches from the schools and colleges.
- **She is requesting 2 full time employees consisting of a sports program coordinator and a marketing and special events coordinator. These employees would assist with camps and clinics in the summer.**
- **Master plan study is needed for Parks and Recreation.**

#### **e. Facilities**

- **Mr. Inglese** provided Council with a list of insured county owned buildings. Currently maintenance has approximately 89 buildings, many of which are aging with expensive ongoing maintenance issues.
- **A new administration office building is needed in which would be housed the following departments: Planning and Building, Administration, Treasurer, Auditor, Finance, Clerk to Council, Parks & Recreation and the County Attorney.**

- Community Hall is in need of a new roof
- Newberry County Museum is in need of a new roof.

**3. Presentation of Results from Internal Questionnaire**

Mr. Inglese sent these questionnaires to elected officials, county council, and department heads to get input. Copies of the responses were provided to Council for their review.

**4. Public Comments**

No comments from the public.

**5. Comments/Requests from County Administrator**

No additional comments.

**6. Comments/Requests from Council Members**

All of Council appreciated the work put into compiling the information and felt it to be very informative.

**7. Adjournment**

Mr. Reeder moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Hipp. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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The Newberry County Council met for day two of the Budget Planning Workshop on Friday, February 4, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

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

All Council Members and staff listed on day one were present, except for Mr. Tothacer, County Attorney.

### **1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of the Agenda**

Mr. Scurry moved to adopt the Agenda, as presented; seconded by Mr. Hipp. Vote was unanimous.

### **2. Open Discussion - Discussion of Questionnaire responses**

Mr. Inglese opened this session with a video of Simon Sinek.

Issues resulting from the questionnaires were:

- Lack of technology and how to get there
  - County currently contracts for a lot of technology needs
  - No IT person on staff
    - IT Department should have a Director, Network Manager and Website/Audio Visual - estimated cost of \$170,000
- Lack of staff/open positions
  - Currently no HR Director or Clerk to Council. Filling of these positions is being worked on.
  - Need for 2 Assistant Administrators, 1 CPA and an operations/engineer
  - \$2.25 million unfunded salary needs
- Need for a general ledger
- Need for a timekeeping system

### **3. Organizational Chart/Future Organization Chart**

Mr. Hipp brought up the issue of Council directly hiring the County Attorney with the County Attorney reporting directly to Council. This would give Council another direct source of communication. The only change would be that the County Attorney reports directly to County Council. There would be no change in the day-to-day operation.

Mr. Inglese felt a down side to this would be the County Attorney taking direction from several different persons.

#### **4. Alternative Revenue Sources/SCAC Materials**

Zoom powerpoint presentation by Owen McBride, Assistant Director of Governmental Affairs, South Carolina Association of Counties, presented options including -

- Local Option Sales Tax
- Other County Revenue Sources
- Federal Broadband Loans/Grant Programs
- State Broadband Loans/Grant Program

A copy of the powerpoint presentation is on file in the County Administration Office.

#### **5. Break**

#### **6. Proposed 3 year Plan**

#### **7. Open Discussion 3 Year Plan**

Mr. Inglese provided the following summary of revenue sources based on a 3 year plan:

- Business License Taxes
- Accommodations Taxes
- Hospitality Taxes
- Development Impact Fee
- Residential Improvement District Act
- Local Options Sales Tax (LOST)
- CPST
- Personal Property Tax Exemptions Sales Tax Act
- LOST for Local Property Tax Act
- Optional methods for financing transportation facilities
- Tourism Infrastructure Admissions Tax Act

Mr. Inglese prepared a chart showing the reduction in millage since 2010. At some point that line has to go up.

### 3 Year Plan Revenue Increase:

- There is a need to raise \$3 million in operations revenue over the next 3 years to fund unmet personnel needs and implementation of a comp/class in order to stay competitive and continue to deliver high levels of customer service.
- Year 1 - a goal of raising \$750,000 in operations revenue.
- Year 2 - a goal of raising \$1,250,000 of operations revenue to fund a Fire Marshal, 4 deputies, long range Planner, etc.
- Year 3 - new FILOT revenues are expected - \$1 million.

Council discussed the benefits of having a full time grant writer on staff. Mr. Inglese advised that grants would increase work on the Finance Department.

We could increase taxes by 1.78% in this upcoming budget year.

### Technology Plan for next 3 years:

- Automated timekeeping system that works with payroll system (summer/fall 2022)
- Mandated direct deposit for all employees (March 2022)
- New general ledger software system (summer/fall 2022)
- New software system for Clerk to Council for agenda review, Board and Commission management, codification of ordinances and resolutions (fall/winter 2022-2023)
- Upgrade phone system (FY2023)
- Network upgrades and consistent utilization of licenses and software system (FY 2022/2023)
- Upgrade server system (FY2024)
- Work order system for facilities (FY24)
- Permitting software system (FY25)

## 8. Public Comments

No comments from the public.

**9. Comments/Requests from County Administrator**

Mr. Inglese stated there were many bright spots in the county and community. There are parts of county personnel that are fine but other areas are lacking in personnel and competitive salaries/wages.

**10. Comments/Requests from Council Members**

Council thanked staff for a good presentation and felt this was something that needed to be done to provide them with more information prior to budget workshops.

**11. Adjournment**

Mr. Shealy moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Hipp. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Todd Johnson, Chairman**

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**Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council**

**Minutes Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 4, 2022**

The Newberry County Council met on Friday, February 4, 2022, at 11:35 a.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a Special Called Meeting.

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

**PRESENT:** Todd Johnson, Chairman (District 1)  
Les Hipp, Vice-Chairman (District 5)  
Mary Arrowood, Council Member (District 2)  
Henry H. Livingston, III, Council Member (District 3)  
Robert N. Shealy, Council Member (District 4)  
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member (District 6)  
Travis Reeder, Council Member (District 7)  
Christopher Inglese, County Administrator  
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and determined a quorum to be present.

Mr. Hipp had the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Executive Session for:**

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

**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.

Mr. Hipp moved to convene into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**11:40-11:55 a.m.**

Mr. Reeder moved to return to open session; seconded by Mr. Scurry. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston advised Council met in Executive Session for the reasons stated above, and no action was taken.

**2. Adjournment**

There being no additional matters to come before Council, Mr. Hipp moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Shealy. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Todd Johnson, Chairman**

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**Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council**

**Minutes Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
CPST WORK SESSION  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

The Newberry County Council met on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC., for a CPST Work Session.

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

**PRESENT:** Todd Johnson, Chairman (District 1)  
Les Hipp, Vice-Chairman (District 5)  
Mary Arrowood, Council Member (District 2)  
Robert N. Shealy, Council Member (District 4)  
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member (District 6)  
Travis Reeder, Council Member (District 7)  
Christopher Inglese, County Administrator  
Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator  
Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director  
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council  
Crystal Waldrop, Procurement Director

**ABSENT:** Henry H. Livingston, III, Council Member (District 3)

**MEDIA:** Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

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

Mr. Scurry had the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Presentation of Proposed CPST Projects**

### **a. Detention Center**

**Captain Daniel Floyd** provided Council with reasons why a new jail is necessary including the schematic details and cost, potential locations for a new jail and how this goal can be accomplished. He also provided information as to an addition to the existing site.

Needs discussed were:

- Lack of separation cells. Currently there are only 20 separation cells with all other housing units being dormitory style.
- Infrastructure is outdated with patchwork renovations. Maintenance is needed at the jail almost daily.
- Lack of adequate holding cells.
- Perimeter fencing.
- Lack of staffing applications and non competitive pay.

Potential locations for a new jail or addition:

- Option A - C&D Lane, which is on the opposite side of the city from the Sheriff's office and is in close proximity to Newberry Middle School.
- Option B - Walter Cousins Drive, which is behind the Sheriff's office and would provide continuity of command structure.
- Option C - 13,000 sq ft addition to the current site would help with separation issues with cells and dorms being added; however, this would not address all of the needs of the Detention Center and would be a very costly bandaid.

How can this be accomplished:

- Total estimated cost of a new jail is around \$15-\$20 million.
- Funding from CPST
- ARPA Funds
- Bonds for budgeting
- Possible funding from the Federal Government with requirement to provide bedspace for federal inmates

- Possibility to work into the budget.

#### **b. Amphitheatre**

**Tom Pope** stated this was a joint County and City venture. Mr. Pope envisions this to be used by churches, private parties, weddings, Opera House; people could eat lunch there. He believes this project to be one that the citizens will be drawn to. Businesses and younger people will benefit. This design provides capacity for 3,400 seats. It would be beautiful and wonderful for the county for young and old.

Mrs. Arrowood inquired as to how this would work jointly with the county and city. Mr. Pope advised a Memorandum of Understanding would be needed to address the responsibilities of each party.

Mr. Hipp felt it was long overdue for the county and city to work together.

Cost of this project is estimated at \$4.8 million, which Mr. Pope felt it was too high and that \$3 million would be a more realistic cost.

#### **c. Public Safety Complex (previously the Friendly Fire Emergency Services Project)**

**Tommy Long, Emergency Services Director; Chief Werts, Friendly Fire Department; and Chief Johnson, Newberry Rescue Squad,** were presenters of this project.

A Public Safety Complex would include a training room to be utilized as a backup EOC if the need arose, a full kitchen to have the ability to support training and EOC activations, bunk rooms to provide the ability to staff the EOC during 24 hour activations and adding full time staff as the future of emergency services grows.

Friendly Fire Department was established in 1962 and is the busiest fire station in the county. Friendly is unable to get any of the new tankers due to size

restrictions in the bay. New trucks have to be custom ordered because of these size restrictions.

Reasons for a new station with a new location:

- Out of the downtown corridor for traffic purposes
- This would benefit 5 agencies: Friendly, Newberry Rescue, Hazmat, Backup EOC, and the training ground
- Room for members to hang out providing a quicker response, morale booster, guests speakers and COVID restrictions.

Friendly is looking at maintenance issues including roof work at over \$25,000, truck repairs almost weekly, and major concrete renovations.

Current issues include disruption to the hotel, local businesses, slower response time because of traffic.

Benefits of a new station for Newberry Rescue Squad:

- Increased response times
- Recruitment and Retention (county wide)
- Increased training opportunities for emergency services county wide
- Infrastructure

A more detailed discussion along with photographs can be reviewed in the powerpoint on file in the County Administration office.

Total estimated cost of this project is \$9.6 million.

#### **d. Mawsons Way Extension**

**Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director.**

Why Mawsons Way Extension is needed:

- Population increase in Newberry County Industrial Park from about 690 employees in 2016 to more than 2,000 today.
- Increase in truck traffic from about 125 movements per day in 2016 to about 300 movements per day now.
- Increase in safety of ingress and egress by offering a second exit from the park with a traffic signal.
- Safer egress for Komatsu employees, who currently must turn left onto SC 219, facing a hill.
- A second entrance could be used from truck traffic, meaning employees and visitors driving cars would be separated from 18-wheelers.
- Open new sites to economic development, and “future proof” the park when more expansion comes.

Currently Mawsons Way is in disrepair, with some areas desperately needing attention. It is the responsibility of the County to provide solid, functional roads in the County industrial parks.

The estimated cost for repair and resurfacing Mawsons Way is \$1.6 million

**e. Water Tower (MCCP)**

**Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director.**

A water tower in the vicinity of highway 773 would eliminate the need for industry specific fire protection storage tanks.

Total costs of this project is estimated at \$4.9 million.

NOTE: A more detailed description and discussion of these projects can be found in powerpoints and/or documents on file in the County Administration Office.

**2. Public Comments**

No comments from the public.

**3. Comments/Requests from County Administrator**

No comments from the County Administrator.

**4. Comments/Requests from Council Members**

Council thanked everyone for their presentations and the information presented.

**5. Adjournment**

There being no other matters to come before Council, Mr. Hipp moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Shealy. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Todd Johnson, Chairman**

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**Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council**

**Minutes Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a special called meeting.

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

**PRESENT:** Todd Johnson, Chairman (District 1)  
Les Hipp, Vice-Chairman (District 5)  
Robert N. Shealy, Council Member (District 4)  
Travis Reeder, Council Member (District 7)  
Christopher Inglese, County Administrator  
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

**VIA ZOOM:** Mary Arrowood, Council Member (District 2)

**LATE ARRIVAL @ 5:40 pm:** Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member (District 6)

**ABSENT:** Henry H. Livingston, III, Council Member (District 3)

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and determined a quorum to be present.

Mr. Shealy had the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of the Agenda**

Mr. Hipp moved to adopt the agenda, as presented; seconded by Mr. Shealy. Vote was unanimous.



**2. Executive Session:**

**Code Section 30-4-70(a)(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.**

Mr. Shealy moved to convene in Executive Session for the above-stated reasons; seconded by Mr. Hipp. Vote was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**4:08 P.M. - 5:40 P.M.**

Mr. Shealy moved to return to open session; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

Upon returning to open session, Mr. Johnson advised Council went into Executive Session for the reasons stated above, and no action was taken.

Mr. Hipp moved to authorize the County Administrator to go forth and secure a Clerk to Council under the discussions that we had and leave that to him to follow up on; seconded by Mr. Shealy. Vote was unanimous.

**3. Adjournment**

Mr. Reeder moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Hipp. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Todd Johnson, Chairman**

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**Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council**

**Minutes Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_