

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA  
January 4, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

Call to order: Chairman  
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Vice-Chairman

1. Public Appearances
  - a. Representative Joe White
  
2. Adoption of Consent Agenda
  - a. Newberry County Council Special Called Meeting - December 7, 2022
  - b. Newberry County Council Meeting - December 7, 2022
  
3. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of the Agenda
  
4. Resolution No. 01-23 - A Resolution to endorse USC Supportive Housing Services' application to provide Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) services to residents of Newberry County
  
5. Consideration of creating a Capital Fund and an Economic Development Fund using FILOT Revenues - Rick Farmer
  
6. Update on ambulance remounts and consideration of additional funding - Tommy Long and Crystal Waldrop
  
7. Consideration of funding a local cash match for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to construct a sidewalk along Subertown Road and Gary Street in the Town of Whitmire

8. Appointments

9. Public Comments

10. Executive Session

Code Section §30-4-70 (a)(2) of the Code of Laws of SC, as amended, 1976

- (1) 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.

11. Comments/Requests from Acting County Administrator

12. Comments/Requests from Council

13. Future Meetings

- c. Newberry County Council Work Session - January 18, 2023
- d. Newberry County Council - January 18, 2023
- e. Public Safety Committee - January 30, 2023

14. Adjournment

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 7, 2022

The Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a special called meeting.

PRESENT: 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)  
Karen Brehmer, Acting County Administrator  
Joanie Winters, Interim County Attorney  
Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director  
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

ABSENT: Todd Johnson, Chairman (District 1)

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

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

Mr. Hipp called the meeting to order.

### 1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Code 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. Reeder moved to go into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION  
(5:35 P.M. – 6:05 P.M.)**

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

Mr. Hipp reported that Council met for the reasons stated above and no action was taken in Executive Session.

**2. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hipp declared the special called meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

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Leslie Hipp, Vice-Chairman

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Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

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

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 7, 2022**

The Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

**PRESENT:** 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)  
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**ABSENT:** Todd Johnson, Chairman (District 1)

**MEDIA:** Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

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

Mr. Hipp called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and determined a quorum to be present.

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

**1. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. Newberry County Council Minutes of November 16, 2022**

Mr. Shealy moved to adopt the November 16, 2022 Minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Scurry. There being no discussion, Mr. Hipp called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

**2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**3. Resolution #14-22: A Resolution honoring Henry H. (Buddy) Livingston, III**

Upon unanimous consent of Council, Mr. Hipp read the Resolution into the record, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES – DECEMBER 7, 2022

**4. RESOLUTION #15-22: A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE RESULTS OF A REFERENDUM HELD IN NEWBERRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022.**

Mr. Reeder moved to adopt the Resolution; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood.

Mr. Hipp summarized the Resolution, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk to Council.

There being no discussion, Mr. Hipp called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

**5. Ordinance #11-25-22: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PERMIT SOLAR FARMS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THE RURAL (R2) ZONING DISTRICT.**

**a. Public Hearing**

Mr. Hipp declared this to be the public hearing.

There being no comments from the public, Mr. Hipp declared the public hearing closed.

**b. Third and Final Reading**

Mrs. Arrowood moved to approve third reading; seconded by Mr. Shealy. There being no discussion, Mr. Hipp called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF 2023 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.**

Mr. Reeder moved to adopt the 2023 County Council meeting schedule as presented; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. There being no discussion, Mr. Hipp called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

**7. CONSIDERATION OF 2023 COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE.**

Mr. Shealy moved to adopt the 2023 County Council Committee meeting schedule as presented; seconded by Mr. Reeder. There being no discussion, Mr. Hipp called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

**8. CONSIDERATION OF FY 2023/2024 BUDGET CALENDAR**

Mrs. Arrowood moved to adopt the FY 2023/2024 Budget Calendar as presented; seconded by Mr. Shealy. There being no discussion, Mr. Hipp called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

## **9. APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Hipp moved that Karen Brehmer serve as the Acting County Administrator until such time as either an interim or permanent County Administrator is appointed; seconded by Mr. Reeder. There being no objection, Mr. Hipp stated Mrs. Brehmer would serve as the Acting County Administrator.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments from the public.

## **11. COMMENTS/REQUESTS FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Karen Brehmer reported as follows:

- Refunds from building permits have been calculated, checks prepared and are in the envelopes for mailing. She thanked Brenda McCracken with the Treasurer's Office and Virginia Atkins with the Building Department for their assistance in this matter. There were 35 refunds totaling approximately \$33,000.00.
- Christmas gifts to the employees were given on December 2 through checks for \$50. Because of a past misunderstanding with Retirement, the County only had to absorb both sides of Social Security and Medicare. No retirement was deducted from the incentive.

## **12. COMMENTS/REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL**

Mr. Reeder thanked Karen, Debbie and the staff for their work during these trying times we are going through. This team keeps it rolling. Mr. Reeder has enjoyed working with Mr. Livingston and expressed appreciation for all Mr. Livingston has done on Council and for the County of Newberry.

Mrs. Arrowood thanked the staff for getting the checks out to the employees for Christmas and for the work getting out the refunds on the building permits. She also thanked everyone who voted for the Referendum because it helps to build Newberry County, and she looks forward to the next 7 years getting these projects going. She thanked Buddy for his years of expertise and wished him the very best.

Mr. Shealy also thanked the staff for their hard work and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight. Mr. Shealy thanked Mr. Livingston's family for coming out tonight and thanked Buddy for all he has done for the County. He told Mr. Livingston to enjoy his family and grandbaby.

Mr. Scurry thanked everyone from the Peak and Chappells area for their support of Newberry County. He thanked the Livingston family for allowing the County to borrow their husband and father.

Mr. Livingston thanked God for the opportunity to serve this County for so many years. He thanked his family, constituents, the county volunteers and employees, Keith Avery for his support of economic development, and DePaul with Alliance Engineering. Economic Development has always been a priority to him.

The County has come a long way with the budget presentations over the years he has been on Council. Wayne Adams came on as County Administrator when the County's budget was almost broke. Mr. Adams was also phenomenal with economic development.

Jimmy Coggins has always promoted and supported Newberry County.

He thanked all former and current Council members. He said Bill Waldrop taught him what to do and what not to do in some cases.

The SCAC family has been phenomenal and they are one of the best things for promoting and working with the County. He couldn't say enough positive things about them.

He has served on the Central Alliance Board and helped select the new president for this organization.

He thanked the Newberry Observer employees for promoting the County and for all they do for Council.

He has served on the board of Lake Murray Country, and they do a phenomenal job.

Mr. Livingston was opposed to the Opera House at first but now regrets the fact that he voted against it.

Mr. Livingston listed numerous companies/industries now located in Newberry County, all of which he had something to do with getting them to locate here. These industries have brought a lot of jobs to Newberry County. Over the past several years these industries have brought 2,000 jobs and over \$700 million to Newberry County.

He thanked Rick Farmer for the great job he does in bringing economic development growth to Newberry County.

He recognized Karl Sease, newly elected County Council District 3 member. He thanked Mr. Sease for running a clean race and congratulated him on a successful race.

Mr. Livingston said he ran on the Democratic ticket but feels he is actually more Republican based on his voting record. He has been pro rights for guns and landowners. When he started running, there was no Republican party. This country has gotten so far from "In God we Trust" and "United we stand. Divided we fall". Partisan politics will be the downfall of this country. If you run for



County Council, you need the backbone to support the citizens of the County and not the party you run with.

Mr. Livingston said it had been an honor to serve the citizens of the County and an honor to work with the people in attendance tonight. It has been a great honor for his children to have grown up watching government. We have got to get this country back to our forefathers findings of “In God we trust” and “United we stand. Divided we fall”.

Mr. Hipp thanked Buddy for his many years of devoted service and echoed what everyone else said tonight. He wished Mr. Livingston the best going forward.

**13. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- a. **Newberry County Council – January 4, 2023**
- b. **Newberry County Council Work Session – January 18, 2023**
- c. **Newberry County Council – January 18, 2023**
- d. **Public Safety Committee – January 30, 2023**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mr. Hipp declared the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

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Leslie Hipp, Vice-Chairman

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Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF NEWBERRY )

RESOLUTION ~~81~~ 14-22  
HONORING  
HENRY H. (BUDDY) LIVINGSTON, III

WHEREAS, Buddy Livingston was elected to Newberry County Council for District 3 in January, 1995 and served the County until 2003. Buddy was elected again in January, 2006 and has served District 3 and Newberry County until December 31, 2022. Buddy served as County Council Chairman for 13 years.

WHEREAS, Buddy has served on a number of County Council committees during his tenure: Economic Development, Public Safety and Finance.

WHEREAS, Buddy was Chairman of County Council and Chairman of the Economic Development Committee when we successfully brought Samsung to Newberry County 2017. Samsung has invested \$500 million dollars and brought 1,500 jobs. Newberry County also has Samsung suppliers that have invested \$86 million and 525 jobs. He was instrumental in the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park of Newberry County and securing MM Technics, our first BMW supplier.

WHEREAS, during his career, Buddy was elected to the South Carolina Association of Counties Board of Directors in 2013 and currently holds this position.

WHEREAS, Buddy was elected as South Carolina Association of Counties President for 2017-2018.

WHEREAS, during his career, Buddy was elected to the South Carolina Association of Counties Insurance Board of Trustees in 2017 and currently holds this position.

WHEREAS, Buddy served on the South Carolina Association of Counties Legislative Committee 2009-2022 and the Revenue, Finance and Economic Development Policy Steering Committee 2009-2022 and is currently serving on both committees.

WHEREAS, Buddy also served on the South Carolina Association of Counties Nominating Committee in 2019 and 2020. He also served on the South Carolina Association of Counties Scholarship Committee in 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HEREBY RECOGNIZES HENRY H. (BUDDY) LIVINGSTON, III FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE, OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS, AND FOR BEING A POSITIVE REFLECTION ON NEWBERRY COUNTY.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall be published in the official minutes of the Newberry County Council and a framed copy of this Resolution shall be presented to Henry H. (Buddy) Livingston, III.

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

(SEAL)

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: Todd Johnson  
Todd Johnson, Chairman

Attest:

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF NEWBERRY )

**RESOLUTION NO.: 01-23**  
**RESOLUTION ENDORSING USC SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**  
**SERVICES' APPLICATION TO PROVIDE HOUSING**  
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS (HOPWA)**  
**SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF NEWBERRY COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, USC Supportive Housing Services (SHS) has provided housing case management, mental health support, and outreach services for over eighteen years throughout seven Midlands counties.

**WHEREAS**, Newberry County enthusiastically supports the request to provide Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) services in our area through funding by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

**WHEREAS**, Supportive Housing Services serves more than three-hundred clients annually, many of whom are without a safe and affordable place to live. Access to stable housing would not only improve their health, but overall quality of life.

**WHEREAS**, Clients increase appointment and medication adherence as a result of obtaining permanent housing.

**WHEREAS**, Housing stability and affordability is a major area of concern for our community. HOPWA services will be a valuable resource to residents of Newberry County. Additionally, funding will be used to obtain permanent housing for clients who have no other means to do so.

**WHEREAS**, Supportive Housing Services has a proven record of successfully administering grant funding while providing comprehensive and client-centered services.

**WHEREAS**, Newberry County is committed to becoming involved in the network of services available to clients as this support will promote a better quality of life for our residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HEREBY ENDORSES THE USC SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES' APPLICATION FOR DHEC HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS (HOPWA) FUNDING.**

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

(SEAL)

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**Attest:**

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



**Newberry County  
Administration**

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**Agenda Item Briefing**

**Subject:** Creating Capital and E.D. Funds using FILOT Revenues

**Prepared By:** Rick Farmer

**Title:** Director

**Department/Division:** Economic Development

**Date Prepared:** 12/30/2022

**Legal Review:** not sure if the legal has seen proposal

**Date:** 12/30/2022

**Finance Review:** finance has not seen any information

**Date:** 12/30/2022

**Administrator Review:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** Click or tap to enter a date.

**Requested meeting:**  Committee  County Council

**Meeting Date:** Monday, November 7, 2022

**FIDUCIARY:**

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?

Yes

No

If NO, is a budget amendment necessary?

Yes

No

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Economic Development staff and committee recommends the Council consider the creation of an Economic Development Fund and a Capital Projects Fund by diverting certain FILOT revenues to said funds. This can be accomplished through a unilateral amendment to the Multi-County Industrial Park (MCIP) agreement with Greenwood County.

**ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:** Finance has not received information and cannot comment on any fiscal or budgetary impact.

**SUMMARY DISCUSSION:**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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**Agenda Item Briefing**

**Subject:** Ambulance Remounts

**Prepared By:** Tommy Long      **Title:** Emergency Management Director

**Department/Division:** Emergency Services    **Date Prepared:** 12/29/2022

**Legal Review:** NA      **Date:** Click or tap to enter a date.

**Finance Review:** Debbie and Karen      **Date:** 12/28/2022

**Administrator Review:** Chairman Johnson      **Date:** 12/28/2022

**Requested meeting:**  Committee     County Council      **Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023

**FIDUCIARY:**

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?     Yes       No

If NO, is a budget amendment necessary?       Yes       No

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Additional cost for Ambulance remount due to price increase on Chassis and equipment. The Cost of the EMS Ambulance remount over original bid is \$21,320.03. The cost of increase on the Rescue Ambulance remount over original bid is \$48,000.90. The budget approved for the Rescue Squad was \$200,000 not \$225,000. Total additional funds needed \$70,220.93.

**ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:** We can utilize ARPA funds or fund balance.

**SUMMARY DISCUSSION:**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

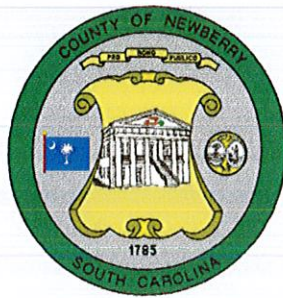
**12/30/2022**

<b>Ambulance Remounts</b>	<b>Original Bid</b>	<b>New Price</b>
EMS Remount	\$ 150,647.37	177,173.89
Tier One Discount		(5,000.00)
Sub Total	150,647.37	172,173.89
Stryker Equipment	43,189.60	49,146.14
Grand Total	\$ 193,836.97	\$ 221,320.03
BUDGETED FY 22-23	\$ 200,000.00	(21,320.03)
Rescue Squad Remount	\$ 160,825.56	182,696.45
Tier One Discount		(5,000.00)
Sub Total	160,825.56	177,696.45
Stryker Equipment	63,805.98	71,204.45
Grand Total	\$ 224,631.54	248,900.90
BUDGETED FY 22-23	\$ 200,000.00	(48,900.90)
FUNDING SOURCE	Lease purchase	ARPA
Total Additional Funds Needed		(70,220.93)



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**Agenda Item Briefing**

**Subject:** Funding Source CDBG

**Prepared By:** Debbie S. Cromer

**Title:** Finance Director

**Department/Division:** Administration

**Date Prepared:** 12/28/2022

**Legal Review:** N/A

**Date:** N/A

**Finance Review:** Karen Brehmer

**Date:** 12/28/2022

**Administrator Review:** Acting County Administrator

**Date:** 12/28/2022

**Requested meeting:**  Committee  County Council

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023

**FIDUCIARY:**

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?

Yes

No

If NO, is a budget amendment necessary?

Yes

No

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Council approved a Resolution No 10-22 -Match Resolution committing Newberry County to provide a local cash match for a community Development Block Grant from the South Carolina Department of Commerce to construct a sidewalk along Subertown Road and Gary Street in the Town of Whitmire. The council at its regular meeting held on October 5, 2022, approved the expenditure of \$47,500 for this project. However, at the time of approval the funding of this expenditure was not discussed. Staff would like to encumber these funds; Funding to come from County Council Contingency code number 010-005-15000-02011 Contingency which has an unexpended balance as of December 28, 2022, of \$130,271.

**ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:**

**SUMMARY DISCUSSION:**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution 10-22 and minutes of October 5, 2022

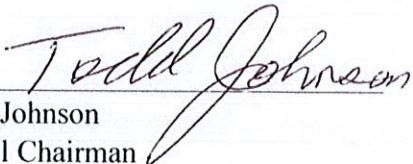
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

) RESOLUTION NO.: 10-22

COUNTY OF NEWBERRY )

**MATCH RESOLUTION COMMITTING NEWBERRY COUNTY TO PROVIDE A LOCAL CASH MATCH FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO CONSTRUCT A SIDEWALK ALONG SUBERTOWN ROAD AND GARY STREET IN THE TOWN OF WHITMIRE**


**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF NEWBERRY COUNTY**, here assembled on this 5<sup>TH</sup> Day of October, 2022, that Newberry County hereby commits to provide a local cash match of \$47,500, which will count towards the minimum ten-percent local match required by the South Carolina Department of Commerce (SCDOC), to support Newberry County's application to SCDOC for a \$475,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to construct a sidewalk along Subertown Road and Gary Street in the Town of Whitmire. The total estimated cost of the project, including local match, is \$522,500. CDBG and local matching funds will be used for engineering, construction, and grant administration. Newberry County understands that any cost savings from the competitive bidding process will be shared with SCDOC, Office of Grants Administration.

Signature: 

Name: Todd Johnson

Title: Council Chairman

**ATTEST:**

Signature: 

Name: Jackie Lawrence

Title: Clerk to Council



*With no further discussion, Mr. Hipp called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.*

6. ***Resolution No. 10-22 Match Resolution committing Newberry County to provide a local cash match for a community development block grant from the South Carolina Department of Commerce to construct a sidewalk along Subertown Road and Gary Street in the Town of Whitmire.***

*Mr. Greg Sprouse, Director, Researcher, Planning and Development with Central Midlands Council of Government, spoke regarding what the "CMCOG" is. The CMCOG is a regional planning agency. There are 9 other agencies in the state. They handle a wide range of programs that benefit the 4-county region. Such as Workforce Development to Aging Services under the Elders Americans Act to transportation planning. Mr. Sprouse's main areas are Economic Development, Community Development, and Planning and Local Government Services.*

*This Resolution provides a local cash match of \$47,500 towards the minimum ten-percent local match required by South Carolina Department of Commerce (SCDOC), to support the County's application to SCDOC for a \$475,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to construct a sidewalk along Subertown Road and Gary Street in the Town of Whitmire. The CDBG is a Federal Program from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, administered through the SC Department of Commerce. It aids communities with focus on low- and moderate-income populations.*

*There are two primary program areas.*

*Community infrastructure program that cycles in the spring. It allows for water, sewer, and drainage improvements and has a minimum \$50,000 and a maximum \$750,000.*

*Community enrichment program that cycles in the fall. It allows for sidewalks, demolition/clearance, brownfield remediation, and library improvements with a minimum \$50,000 and maximum \$500,000. This program also allows for a maximum \$750,000 for streetscape projects.*

*The CDBG project would provide pedestrian connectivity between the apartment complexes along Subertown Road the Whitmire central business district. The project would take approximately 25 months.*

*Mr. Scurry asked why a sidewalk needed to be placed there when each of the complexes has their own sidewalk that connect to one another?*

*It was stated that it is unsafe for residents to walk the road to get from point A to point B. Mr. Johnson stated that he is very familiar with the area, and it is very dangerous.*

*Mr. Shealy moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. With no further discussion, Mr. Hipp called for the vote. Voting for the Resolution were Mr. Hipp, Mr. Reeder, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Arrowood, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Shealy. Voting against the Resolution was Mr. Scurry.*

**7. Appointments**

*No appointments.*

**8. Consideration/Approval of Christmas bonuses.**

*Mr. Inglese reported that there is a line item in the budget to cover a \$50 net bonus to an employee. This requires an approval by Council.*

*Mr. Johnson moved to approve the Christmas bonuses, seconded by Mr. Shealy.*

*Mrs. Arrowood asked with each person having a different tax rate, how would that be handled.*

*Mr. Brehmer stated that when you "gross up" to net you are required to deduct FICA, SS/Medicare, and retirement. It would be the same 7.65% for each person, plus depending on if the employee is in the SERS, it would be 9% and if they are in the PORS it would 9.75%. The gross would vary only for the different retirement system an employee may be in. This is the same process as any other stipend that is given. Mrs. Brehmer also asked if Council wanted this to be a separate check?*

*Council agreed to a separate check.*

*Mrs. Brehmer asked when Council would like the checks delivered.*

*Council agreed to the earliest of December.*

*Mr. Livingston pointed out that we would be paying more for this route as compared to the gift cards.*

*With no further discussion, Mr. Hipp called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.*

**9. Consideration/Approval of Christmas Holiday Schedule.**

*Mr. Inglese stated requested approval of the Holiday dates for this year as the actual Holidays fall on weekends. The proposed dates would be December 23, 26, 27, 2022, and January 2, 2023.*

*Mr. Shealy moved to approve the stated Holiday dates, seconded by Mrs. Arrowood.*

*With no further discussion, Mr. Hipp called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.*

**10. Public Comments**

*No public comments.*

**11. Executive Session**