

**Newberry County Council
Public Safety and Courts Committee**

July 17, 2017

The Newberry County Council Public Safety and Courts Committee was held on July 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex Conference Room.

PRESENT: Kirksey Koon, Chairman
Bill Waldrop, Councilman
Dr. Harriett Rucker, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator; Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council; Terry Rawls, Consolidated Fire Department; Rodney Wicker, Consolidated Fire Department; Jay Harley, Consolidated Fire Department; Larry DeHart, Consolidated Fire Department; Mike Pisano, Public Works Director; Ervin West, Facilities Manager; Jay Tothacer, County Attorney; Laura Kneece, Coroner; and Wayne Adams, County Administrator

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

1. Call to Order and Invocation

Vice Chairman Koon, Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the invocation.

2. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Approval of April 17, 2017 Minutes

Dr. Rucker motioned to approve April 17, 2017 minutes; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

4. Discussion of Demolishing and Removing Old Consolidated 5 Fire Station –

Members of Consolidated 5 Fire Department addressed the committee and expressed a desire to demolish the old fire station and remove a metal building from the property. It was brought to the committee's attention that the buildings were erected on land partially owned by the county and partially owned by the Fire Department Board.

There was discussion among all present concerning current liability issues and offerings to correct the situation

Mr. Adams recommended that the Fire Department Board consider deeding the land to the county and the county will see that the building is demolished at some point when funding was available.

Fire department members present were to address their board with the recommendation of the committee and return to the next committee meeting with a decision.

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve this course of action; seconded by Dr. Rucker.

5. Public Comments

No public comments.

6. Executive Session (if needed)

No executive session.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Kirksey Koon, Chairman

Zenda McClurkin, Recorder