

Newberry County Accommodations Tax Committee
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Ernest Shealy, Chairman

July 20, 2023

The Newberry County Accommodations Tax Committee met July 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex Conference Room. Members present were Ernest Shealy, Sharon Graham, Tammy Kitchens, Scott Bellows and Debbie Cromer, administration staff and Jeff Shacker, County Administrator. Also present were Vickie Davis, Capital City Lake Murray; Steven Knapp, The Newberry Museum; Michelle Long, Newberry County Visitors and Newberry County Chamber of Commerce; Barbara Miller, Newberry County Historical and Museum Society; Karen Livingston, Prosperity Hoppin; Darryl A. Hentz; Kimberly Kitchens, Prosperity Business Association; Robert Dennis, Newberry County Law Enforcement 4th July Celebration and Newberry Ag.

No media was present.

Ernest Shealy called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1. Nominations for Chairman for FY 23-24

Sharon Graham nominated Ernest Shealy for Chairman, seconded by Scott Bellows. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of minutes of May 19, 2022

A motion was made by Ernest Shealy, seconded by Sharon Graham to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Presentations for promotional related funds for FY 22-23 Accommodations Tax.

The following made presentations to the committee:

Capital City/Lake Murray	\$ 10,000.00
Newberry County Chamber of Commerce	17,000.00
Prosperity Business Association	<u>27,800.00</u>
 Total Requested	 \$ 54,800.00

These funds are to be distributed upon receipt and in prior years have been a percentage of funds available.

Agenda Item 4. Presentations for tourism related funds for FY 22-23 Accommodations Tax.

Applications for tourism-related funds were received from the following.

	<u>Requested</u>
Keep Newberry County Beautiful	\$ 25,000.00
Little Mountain Reunion	17,000.00

Newberry County Ag Festival (New)	5,000.00
Newberry County Law Enforcement	5,000.00
Newberry Historical Society	6,500.00
Newberry Opera House	50,000.00
Newberry Visitors Center	17,000.00
Prosperity Hopping with Arts and Crafts	10,000.00
The Newberry Museum	15,000.00
Total Requested	\$150,500.00

The Committee received \$150,500 in requests and funds available totaled \$158,208.25. Available funds from the prior year totaled \$94,535.91.

Agenda Item 5. Committee to discuss and make recommendations for distribution of promotional related funds for FY 22-23.

After reviewing the requests, a motion was made by Sharon Graham to distribute the funds as listed below:

Capital City Lake Murray	45%
Prosperity Business Association	21%
Newberry County Chamber	45%

The total amount to be distributed is \$29,387.24.

Capital City Lake Murray	\$10,000.00
Newberry Chamber	13,224.26
Prosperity Downtown Association	6,162.98
Total Distributed	\$29,387.24

The motion was seconded by Tammy Kitchens. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Committee to discuss and make recommendations for distribution of tourism related funds for FY 22-23

	<u>Requested</u>
Little Mountain Reunion	\$ 17,000.00
Newberry Museum	15,000.00
Newberry Visitors Center	17,000.00
Prosperity Hopping with Arts and Crafts	10,000.00
Newberry Co. Historical	6,500.00
Newberry County Law Enforcement	5,000.00
Newberry County Agricultural	5,000.00
Newberry Opera House	50,000.00
Keep Newberry County Beautiful (Carnival)	25,000.00
Total Requested	\$150,500.00

The total amount requested was \$150,500 and the amount of available funds totaled \$158,208.25. After discussion of the requests and the limited amount of funds. A motion was made by Sharon Graham to distribute the funds as listed below.

	<u>Recommended</u>
Little Mountain Reunion	\$ 17,000.00
Newberry Visitors Center	17,000.00
Prosperity Hopping with Arts and Crafts	10,000.00
Newberry Co. Historical Society	9,000.00
Newberry County Law Enforcement	5,000.00
Keep Newberry County Beautiful (Carnival	20,000.00
Newberry County Ag (New)	5,000.00
Newberry Opera House	50,000.00
The Newberry Museum	<u>17,500.00</u>
 Total Requested	 \$ 150,000.00

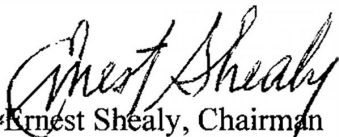
The motion was seconded by Scott Bellows. The motion passed unanimously.
Available funds to be carried forward is \$7,708.24.

Agenda Item 7. Other business.

No other business.

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment

Motion was made by Tammy Kitchens and seconded by Sharon Graham to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


Ernest Shealy, Chairman
Approved: 8-19-2024