

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 16, 2025**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

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

PRESENT: Karl Sease, Vice-Chairman
Leon Fulmer Jr., Council Member
Todd Johnson, Council Member (virtual)
Travis Reeder, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Stuart Smith, Council Member
Jeff Shacker, County Administrator
Joanie Winters, County Attorney
Captain Ben Chapman, NCSO
Eric Nieto, IT Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

ABSENT: Robert Shealy, Chairman

Mr. Sease called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Scurry led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda:

- a. Newberry County Council Work Session Minutes – July 2, 2025.
- b. Newberry County Council Meeting Minutes – July 2, 2025.

- Mr. Fulmer made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

2. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of the Agenda.

- Mr. Fulmer made a motion to accept the agenda as presented; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

3. Special Recognition:

a. Employee Recognitions:

- Brett Watkins 5 years NCSO
- Nancy Sanchez 20 years NCSO
- Mr. Shacker recognized the above employees for their service to Newberry County, highlighting their accomplishments and pivotal moments while working for Newberry County.

4. Ordinance No. 07-01-2025. An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of roads within Stewart Landing Subdivision - Stewart Landing Drive, Shoreview Drive, and Timber Trail Lane. into the Newberry County Public Road System.

a. First Reading

- Mr. Scurry made a motion to accept first reading; Mr. Smith provided the second.
- Mr. Shacker said there are three streets located in the Stewart Landing Subdivision at Lake Murray (located adjacent to Plantation Pointe), the developers for the subdivision constructed the roads to the official Newberry County standards (found in the Newberry County Road Ordinance and the Land Development Regulations).

- During the next meeting, Mr. Shacker said Newberry County Council can act on a surety bond, which is 24-month warranty period that the developer guarantees the workmanship of the road to the county. If there is a defect in the road, that bond (calculated via ordinance) will pay for the repairs, if not, the bond will be returned to the developer after the period ends.
- The motion carried 6-0.

5. County Council may take action on matters discussed during the 5:00 pm executive session.

- Mr. Smith made a motion authorizing the county administrator to execute an employment agreement with the county attorney on behalf of Newberry County; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.
- Mr. Reeder made a motion to authorize the county administrator to execute a contract to renew Newberry County Memorial Hospital (Newberry Health) for Emergency Medical Services; Mr. Smith provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

6. Appointments.

- Airport Commission – District 4. Misty West.
 - Newberry Hospital Board (Seat One) – District 4. Joe Trainor.
 - Newberry Hospital Board (Seat Two) – District 4. Sean Pomeroy.
 - Joint Planning Commission – District 4. Johnny Wicker.
 - Library Board – District 4. Sandra Oliver.
- On behalf of Mr. Shealy, Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint the above nominations; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

- ~~Westview Behavioral Health Board – District 4.~~ This nomination was serving on two boards and elected to step down from the Westview Behavioral Health Board to continue serving on the other board.
- Airport Commission – District 5. Mr. Smith made a motion to re-appoint Jimmy Bickley; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.
- Westview Behavioral Health Board – District 6. Mr. Scurry made a motion to re-appoint David Goggins; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

7. Public Comments (Three Minutes).

- Mr. Tyler Johnson said following the most recent Economic Development Committee meeting, he had some concerns of the current direction of the Economic Development office. He said it was stated multiple times that their priority is the automobile industry. He said as a lifelong Newberry County resident, the county and the auto industry doesn't seem like a good match and does not blend with the roots and history of the county. He said he'd prefer it if Newberry County Council pushed the office to shift their focus to industries that are more harmonious with the history of Newberry County and existing industry within Newberry County to help strengthen them for longevity moving forward, making sure the county is building from within. He said he knows they have one out there now for automobile components, but overall, it seems not a good match when there is a deep root in agriculture in this county and that is a growing industry in the state and the number one industry in our state. He also mentioned that a large part of the budget is being directed toward industrial parks within the counties, and he understands a large part of that comes from grants and other places, but those are still taxes from someone. He said he requests council to look at all total cost when looking at future work and expansions at this park, and he questions how long it

takes for the county to recoup the finances on these parks, especially when FILOTs are in place.

8. Comments/Requests from County Administrator.

- Mr. Shacker let Newberry County Council know they are on course with the Detention Center project, as that is the next project to bid. This is the largest dollar amount project that was on the ballot. He said they will have a recommendation at the August meeting.
- The Prosperity project is close to a point to be bid; Little Mountain project construction will take place, after the festival and Whitmire's project will be under construction soon and Pomaria's construction is already underway.

9. Comments/Requests from Council.

- Mr. Fulmer thanked everyone for coming out, and thanked Mr. Tyler Johnson for his comments. He also thanked the work Newberry County employees are doing, and thanked the employees recognized during the meeting. He said that it is always a pleasure to serve Newberry County residents.
- Mr. Reeder thanked everyone for coming out and it is good to see all the smiling faces. He congratulated the employees for their many years of service, and he hopes to continue to see them. He thanked all of administration for all the hard work they do to put everything together.
- Mr. Smith thanked everyone for coming out, thanked the recognized employees for their years of service to Newberry County. He thanked all the employees that do a great job for them. He thanked Mr. Tyler Johnson for his comments.
- Mr. Scurry thanked everyone for coming out, and congratulated Ms. Sanchez for her years of service.
- Mr. Fulmer thanked everyone for coming out, thanked the recognized employees for their years of service and

dedication to the county, and thanked Mr. Tyler Johnson for his comments, he added if they don't they hear comments they may not know.

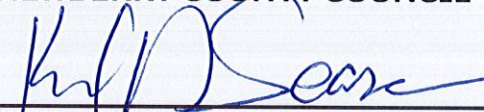
10. Future meetings:

- a. Newberry County Public Safety and Courts Committee – July 21 at 5 p.m.
- b. Newberry County Executive Committee – July 28 at 5 p.m.
- c. South Carolina Association of Counties Conference – August 4-7, 2025.
- d. Newberry County Economic Development Committee – August 11 at 5 p.m.
- e. Newberry County Council Work Session – August 20 at 5 p.m.
- f. Newberry County Council – August 20 at 6 p.m.

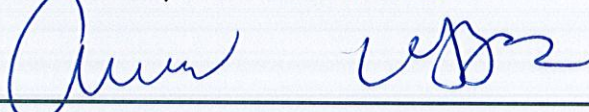
11. Adjournment.

- Mr. Reeder made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Smith provided the second.
- Newberry County Council adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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Karl Sease, Vice-Chairman



Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: 8-20-2025