

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY AND COURTS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
July 21, 2025**

The Newberry County Council Public Safety and Courts Committee met on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 5:00 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:**   Stuart Smith, Committee Chair  
                  Leon Fulmer, Committee Member  
                  Nick Shealy, Substitute Committee Member  
                  Jeff Shacker, County Administrator  
                  Tommy Long, Emergency Services Director  
                  Eric Nieto, I.T. Director  
                  Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

1. Call to order – Mr. Smith, Chairman.

- Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.
- Mr. Shealy stood in place of Mr. Sesae for the meeting as a substitute committee member.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Karl Sease, Committee Member.

- Mr. Fulmer led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance in place of Mr. Sease.

3. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of the Agenda.

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to accept the agenda as presented; Mr. Fulmer provided the second and the motion carried 3-0.



4. Update on the Purchase of New Ambulances and Fire Engine – Tommy Long, Emergency Services Director.

- Mr. Long said that in discussions with the vendor for the ambulances, they are looking to take delivery of them by the end of September or beginning of October.
  - Mr. Smith asked what will happen to the ambulances being replaced. Mr. Long said he has a price for an option to remount the ambulances – about \$192,000. The county can also look at selling both of them on GovDeals and putting the funding toward a rescue ambulance.
- Mr. Long said he is looking to get a purchase order issued for the fire engine, which will go to Fairview Fire Department. A hold had already been put on the truck, which was already on the line. Anticipated delivery of the truck is in January or February.
  - Mr. Smith asked what the current plan is for the fire engine that is being replaced. Mr. Long said the plan is to sell the fire engine at O'Neal Fire Station, an older truck, and they will take possession of the older Fairview engine. The engine being taken out of service will more than likely be sold.
  - Mr. Fulmer asked if taking one from the line speed up the process. Mr. Long said it does, and if they had custom made one it would have taken two years, or longer.

5. Update on Generator Grant Award – Tommy Long, Emergency Services Director.

- Mr. Long said they have the award on the generator grant for Pomaria, Little Mountain Fire Department, Newberry Rescue and St. Phillips Fire Department. They put in for the grant approximately two years ago and recently received the award on the grant. The generators will be diesel.
- The grant match is going to be \$81,000 (county portion), the total for the project is \$324,540, with the federal share being \$243,405.



- Mr. Shealy asked if that price included installation, to which Mr. Long answered in the affirmative.

6. FEMA Reimbursement from Hurricane Helene Update from Chris Wood of Berquist Consulting.

- Mr. Wood presented to the committee an update on the Newberry County Hurricane Helene Recovery: FEMA Claims status update. The PowerPoint is presented with these minutes.

7. Public Comments.

- Mr. Terry Russell, the fire and rescue chief in Chappells, read a letter by the c-shift supervisor at EMS regarding some of the challenges facing volunteers. Mr. Russell spoke on some issues they have, due to staffing. He expressed a need in running a second shift in Silverstreet, as he said they need the help.

8. Comments from Committee Members.

- Mr. Shealy said he appreciated everyone coming out, and that they will do what they can.
- Mr. Fulmer said huge thank you to everyone involved, and there are a lot of needs across the board.
- Mr. Smith thanked everyone involved in the meeting. He said he knows the hard work it takes to be a first responder, especially in this heat.

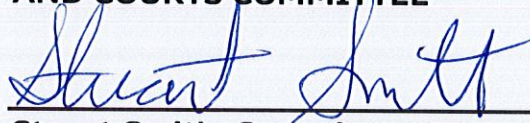
9. Adjournment.

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Fulmer provided the second and the motion carried 3-0.

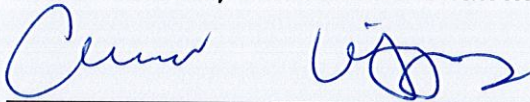


- The Newberry County Council Public Safety and Courts Committee adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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**Minutes Approved:** 8-20-2025