

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MINUTES
September 2, 2026

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a Work Session.

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

PRESENT: Karl Sease, Vice-Chairman
Leon Fulmer, Council Member
Todd Johnson, Council Member
Travis Reeder, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Stuart Smith, Council Member
Ted Luckadoo, County Administrator
Joanie Winters, County Attorney
Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director
Donna Lominack, Auditor
Melissa Mote, Assessor
Eric Nieto, IT Director
Josh Rowe, Public Works Director
Scott Sawyer, Special Projects Coordinator
Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

ABSENT: Robert Shealy, Chairman

1. Call to order: Karl Sease, Vice-Chairman.

- Mr. Sease called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

2. Discussion regarding Board of Assessment Appeals.

- Mr. Luckadoo said there are a number of vacancies on the Board of Assessment Appeals and a number of members who have not been attending the meetings. This was first mentioned that this is a legislative delegation appointment, but they said it was done by council.
 - Ms. Winters then explained that prior to Home Rule, there were a lot of acts passed, but Home Rule did not repeal those acts. Act 333 specifically says that the legislative delegation appoints these members. She further stated that there have been attempts made to revisit Act 333, but that has not taken place.
 - Ms. Winters said Newberry County Council does not have the authority to appoint to this board.
 - Mr. Luckadoo said they will need to work with the legislative delegation to get this resolved.
 - Mr. Fulmer asked how critical is this issue, and can the board function or does council need to make more phone calls. Ms. Mote said they had a meeting about a month ago with only two members appearing, they have another for September 15, and they are hoping they will have a quorum.
 - Mr. Fulmer asked if the members are appointed by district; Ms. Mote answered in the affirmative. Mr. Fulmer requested that Mr. Wigger provide the list of board members to council.
 - Mr. Smith asked how the information is given to the members about meeting times and dates; Ms. Mote said they are emailed by the board liaison.
 - Ms. Winters suggested, if council have recommendations for potential board members in their district, she will provide that information to the legislative delegation for consideration.
3. Discussion of Resolution 06-2026 establishing a vision Zero Policy for Newberry County and committing to the elimination of traffic fatalities and serious injuries on the County's Roadway System.
- Mr. Luckadoo said as everyone is aware, the county received a Safe Streets for All grant, with that they have been going through the process of community engagement and involvement. This process is

about creating a Safety Action Plan for the county, which will move them to the next step of implementation.

- A requirement of the grant is the adoption of a Safety Action Plan and a Vision Zero Policy that is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects.
- This is a requirement of the grant to allow the county access to funding.

4. Discussion Regarding Newberry County Taxiway Rehabilitation Project and Parking Lot Project. – Update by Ardurra Consultants.

- Mr. Luckadoo said a couple of months ago the county put out a bid for a taxiway rehabilitation project, they awarded the contract, adding the parking lot project. Satterfield was given the notice to award as they were the lowest bidder.
- The next step was to apply for FAA funding, but the county was not funded by the FAA.
- Mr. Luke Funderburk, with Ardurra Consultants, said the cost of the taxiway project was \$1.6 million, and the parking lot was about \$250,000. The portion the FAA did not provide was API funding, discretionary funding you have to compete with. They applied for the grant, and Newberry County was not chosen.
- The funding the county did get was from the Building Infrastructure Legislation Grants would not be enough to cover the project. At this time, the plan is to re-bid the project again in Spring 2027 and it is highly likely to get the funding then.
- Mr. Fulmer asked if the building grant the county did get, if there is a timeline. Mr. Funderburk said it will roll over and the county can use it next year.
- Mr. Fulmer asked if the money for this project is funding the airport already has and grant funding; Mr. Funderburk answered in the affirmative.

5. Executive Session

a. Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding a Capital Project Sales Tax Project Contract.

- Mr. Johnson made a motion to go into Executive Session; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.
- Newberry County Council went into Executive Session at 5:14 p.m.
- Mr. Scurry made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Mr. Johnson provided the second and the motion carried 6-0. No action was taken.
- Newberry County Council came out of Executive Session at 5:41 p.m.

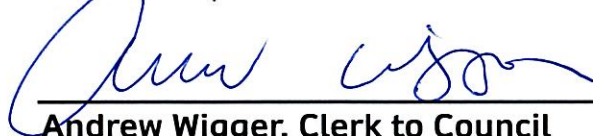
6. Adjournment.

- Mr. Reeder made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.
- The Newberry County Council Work Session adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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Karl Sease, Vice-Chairman



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Minutes Approved: 9-16-2024