

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
January 23, 2026**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, January 23, 2026, at 3:01 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: Robert Shealy, Chairman
Karl Sease, Vice-Chairman
Todd Johnson, Council Member (virtual)
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Stuart Smith, Council Member
Jeff Shacker, County Administrator
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director
Eric Nieto, IT Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

ABSENT: Travis Reeder, Council Member
Leon Fulmer Jr., Council Member

Mr. Shealy called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Mr. Sease led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

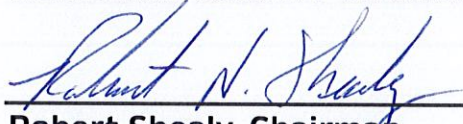
1. Ordinance 01-02-2026. An Emergency Ordinance to provide Newberry County Chair the Authority to declare a State of Emergency.
 - Mr. Sease made a motion to accept the Emergency Ordinance; Mr. Smith provided the second.
 - Mr. Shacker said this Ordinance allows the Chairman to declare a State of Emergency, if needed, so that they can evaluate if the storm will impact the county, like it could. He said our communication systems could be impacted by the storm, and it may be difficult to convene a quorum of council.

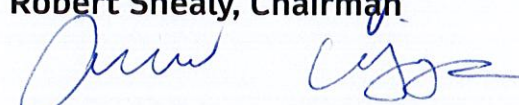
- Newberry County will also need this Ordinance for the FEMA reimbursement.
- Mr. Sease asked if this would also allow the Vice-Chairman to do so; Mr. Shacker said that would be the chain of command but could also happen via phone call.
- Mr. Johnson said having to do this previously, his suggestion would be that they instruct staff to look at something in their ordinance that the Chairman can do this, instead of having to have a meeting to do so.
- The motion carried 5-0.

2. Adjournment.

- Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 5-0.
- The Newberry County Council Special Called Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL


Robert Shealy, Chairman


Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: 2-4-20