

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

Newberry County Council met on Friday, 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

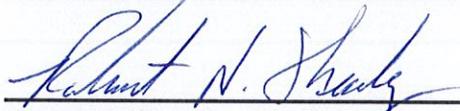
1. Ordinance 01-02-2026. An Emergency Ordinance to provide Newberry County Chair the Authority to declare a State of Emergency.
  - Mr. Sease made a motion to accept the Emergency Ordinance; Mr. Smith provided the second.
  - Mr. Shacker said this Ordinance allows the Chairman to declare a State of Emergency, 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.

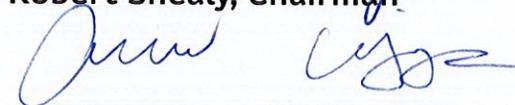
- Newberry County will also need this Ordinance for the FEMA reimbursement.
- Mr. Sease asked if this would also allow the Vice-Chairman to do so; Mr. Shacker said that would be the chain of command but could also happen via phone call.
- Mr. Johnson said having to do this previously, his suggestion 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**

  
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**Robert Shealy, Chairman**

  
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**Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council**

Minutes Approved: 2-4-20