

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 24, 2026

Newberry County Council Economic Development Committee met on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 5:00 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, Committee Chair
Robert N. Shealy, Committee Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, in place of Committee Member Travis Reeder
Ted Luckadoo, County Administrator
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director
Jessie Long, Economic Development Coordinator
Eric Nieto, I.T. Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

ABSENT: Travis Reeder, Committee Member (Mr. Scurry sat in his place)

1. Call to Order – Karl Sease, Chairman.

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Robert Shealy, Committee Member.

- Mr. Shealy led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Additions, Deletions, & Adoption of the Agenda.

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

4. Presentations:

a. Central SC Alliance – Jason Guilietti, President/CEO & Annie Caggiano, Senior Vice President of Business Recruitment.

- Mr. Guilietti and Ms. Caggiano spoke to the Committee about the Central SC Alliance and what they offer to Newberry County and the work they do on behalf of the county.

b. Upper Savannah Workforce Development – Kal Kunkel, Workforce Development Director.

- Mr. Kunkel spoke to the Committee about the Upper Savannah Workforce Development Board and what they offer Newberry County and the work they do for the county.

5. Public Comments.

- There were no public comments.

6. Staff Report:

a. Updates – Product/Prospect Development:

I. Project Pearl Dust.

- Mr. Farmer said last week Newberry County Council gave first reading to the MCIP agreement, which pushed Newberry County over the top.
- Over the last quarter, Economic Development had 10 opportunities, and they were able to submit to five of them.

II. Business After Hours – Sept. 10, 2026 (5:30 PM – 7 PM).

- Economic Development will be hosting a Business After Hours with the Newberry County Chamber of Commerce on September 10, 2026, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Economic Development office, all are welcome.

III. Ribbon Cutting – Industrial Ave (new road).

- There is nothing formalized now, but staff would like to do a ribbon cutting at the Mawson's Way Extension.

IV. Mid-Carolina Commerce Park – road extension and pad ready site.

- Bids are out for the road and pad project; bids will be opened on September 1 at 3 p.m.
- A pad will allow Newberry County to compete with other communities.

b. Strategic Planning:

I. Site Enhancement Expedited Review – Newberry South Industrial Park.

- They are at the five-year mark, and they are at the due diligence state. At this point, Mr. Farmer said they don't know the expenses, but they will find out soon as they go through this process, but he said they will try and do it inexpensively.
- Administration has requested that staff get some of the industrial property the market appraised, the last time was 2021.

II. Exploring department name change and update to department logo.

- Ms. Long said they are exploring a department logo and name change in order to have a broader mission and better represent current services.
- Staff will try to do this in-house.

7. Comments by and discussion items from the Committee Members.

- Mr. Shealy said staff are doing an excellent job working with what the county has to offer. He said the pad will help them once it is completed.

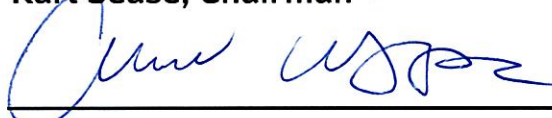
8. Adjourn.

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 3-0.
- The Newberry County Economic Development Committee Adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL



Karl Sease, Chairman



Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: 09/02/2024