

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
APRIL 29, 2019**

Newberry County Council Public Works and Planning Committee met on Monday, April 29, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, South Carolina, for a regular scheduled meeting.

**PRESENT:** Scott Cain, Chairman  
Steve Stockman, Council Member  
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member  
Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney  
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council  
Mike Pisano, Public Works Director  
Stacy Guy, Recycling Coordinator  
Anne Peters, Zoning Administrator

**1. Call to Order.**

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda.**

There being no additions or deletions to the Agenda, Mr. Stockman moved to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Scurry. Vote was unanimous.

**3. Approval of January 14, 2019 Minutes.**

There being no amendments to the Minutes, Mr. Scurry moved to adopt the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Stockman. Vote was unanimous.

**4. Discussion of Bear Creek Road - Doug Bowers and Heyward Bowers.**

Doug Bowers stated it has been 25 to 30 years since about 130 feet of Bear Creek Road has been maintained. His son would like to have this portion resurveyed and have the County deed him this portion of the road.

Mr. Cain requested that Mr. Bowers get with Mr. Tothacer to discuss the process and then come back before Council with this request.

#### **5. Recycling Update - Stacy Guy, Recycling Coordinator.**

Ms. Guy said the cost for single stream recycling has increased. When China cut off taking our products, we no longer received revenue and a charge was put in place. The charge started out at \$25 a ton, and it has gradually increased to \$73 a ton. Next month it is going to drop so it will cost more. It is based on the commodity prices.

Mr. Adams said cardboard is bringing less in the market. Newspaper and mixed papers no value. Plastics have always been a problem. China for 25 years took all the recyclables we could send to them and they decided in 2018 that they were going to stop importing US recyclables. For 25 years while China was taking it, there was no economic incentive to invest in technologies to recycle waste so now we see the commodity prices drop. It now costs more to deal with a ton of recyclables than it does to bury a ton of garbage. We used to get \$20 a ton when we first started single streaming, and most counties have gone to single streaming. When China cut off recyclables from the US, it is now stacking up in the warehouses at Sonoco. It has basically become another form of garbage. Cardboard still brings about \$35 a ton. Ms. Guy said it is at \$50 right now but next month it will be dropped.

We would have to bale it to really get the costs and that creates the cost of buying a baler.

Mr. Adams said there are two places we can take recyclables in mixed form. One of them is Sonoco in Columbia. The other is Pratt in Greenville. It is \$73 a ton at Sonoco. Pratt will take it for free but it is a longer costlier haul to get to Pratt. Still though the way Sonoco's charges for recyclables has risen recently, it is cheaper to take it to Greenville at \$81 a ton. It is \$45 to bury a ton of garbage. It is \$116 a ton with the hauling and tipping charge down at Sonoco. It seems best to go to Pratt but Pratt does not take glass. We recycle about 100 tons of glass per year. A lot of counties have stopped taking glass because there is no market for it. If you take it to Sonoco, they will charge you \$50 a ton.

Mr. Adams requested that the Committee consider the option of saying we are out of the glass business. We go with Pratt even though it is cheaper to bury it. If you take the glass out of it, we

recycle 600 tons of other recyclable materials and if we pay \$81 per ton, which includes transportation, we will pay \$48,600 to recycle. We want more time to think about it.

**6. Public Works Update - Mike Pisano, Public Works Director.**

Mr. Pisano reported as follows:

Airport terminal is progressing and hope to have it open within the next couple of months.

New motor grader should be coming in the next week.

Bids have been received and awarded for the large paving project on Spring Hill Road off Highway 176, cement modified recycling base, and the protest period has ended.

Mr. Stockman understood that the Public Works Department and some crews have been working out at the Mid Carolina Commerce Park to clear some retention ponds and thanked them for their help.

**7. Consideration to make Boyd Amick Road one way for safety purposes if it is repaired - Mike Pisano, Public Works Director.**

In 2006 this road was triple treated but it is only 15 feet wide. It is starting to fall apart and can only do so much with patching. The issue is the County Transportation Committee does not want to pave anything less than 16 feet. For a two lane road the recommendation is 18 feet.

We could make it one way going in and the people wanting to get out of State Park could go down, make a right on Ivy Amick Road to get back to State Park.

Mr. Adams said all but one person has frontage on another road but don't know about driveways to those roads.

Mr. Pisano said the other option is to obtain rights-of-way from each of those persons to widen the road, which would increase the scope and cost. Another option is we do nothing and just continue to patch this road.

Mr. Pisano will send letters to the landowners on this road advising them of the next Committee meeting and the consideration of making it one way.

**8. Consideration to approve citizens to bring recyclable “white goods” to the County Transfer Station - Mike Pisano, Public Works Director, and Stacy Guy, Recycling Coordinator.**

Due to increase in costs of handling, Mr. Pisano requested that the Committee consider no longer collecting white goods at each recycling center but require citizens to bring all white goods to the Transfer Station with an effective date of January 1, 2020.

Mr. Stockman’s concern was that we are cutting services for which the taxpayers are paying. He did not feel we needed to cut services but we can certainly discuss it.

Motion by Mr. Scurry to take Mr. Pisano’s recommendation to full Council; second by Mr. Stockman. Vote was unanimous.

**9. Discussion of Text Amendment for FEMA Flood Ordinance #04-06-19 - Anne Peters, Zoning Administrator.**

**A. Ordinance 04-06-09: An Ordinance amending Chapter 152 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances relating to flood damage prevention, so as to adopt the state flood damage prevention model ordinance to bring it into compliance with state and federal program requirements, and other related matters.**

Mrs. Peters said this Ordinance would lower the basic flood level of Lake Greenwood only. This has already been done by FEMA. If we don’t do this, Newberry County will be removed from the program. We have no choice.

**10. Public Comments.**

No public comments.

**11. Adjournment.**

There being no further business, Mr. Stockman moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Scurry. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cain declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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**Scott Cain, Chairman**

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**Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council**

**Minutes Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_