

**NEWBERRY COUNTY
BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL**

January 29, 2026

The Board of Rural Fire Control meeting was held at the Newberry County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 540 Wilson Road, Newberry, SC January 29, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Members of the Board:

Jason Fulmer, Chairman
Bert Lucas-Secretary-Absent
Barry Brown
Ray Ellison-Absent
Wesley Boland
Jay Harley
Michael Parker
Keith Minick
Paul Cromer
Terry Russell
Andrew Branham

Others Present:

Tommy Long-Emergency Services Director, Brandon Wicker-Emergency Services Coordinator, Karl Sease-County Council, Chief Joe Palmer-Friendly Fire, Chief Blake Davis- Fairview Fire, Chief Aubrey Horne, Sr.-St. Philips Fire, Chief Gene Shealy-Newberry City Fire, Lt. Deanna Willbanks-Sheriff's Office, and Members of various Fire\Rescue Departments.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Additions: None

Public Comments: None

Personal Appearance: None

Business Meeting:

- A. Communications: Discussions Radio Guidelines was voted for approval, the start date will be March 1, 2026
- B. Presentation by Chief Palmer on the fire service. There was a discussion held afterwards.
- C. Budgets: Still working on them to be entered.

Sub-Committees:

- ISO- Nothing to report.
- Building- Nothing to report.
- Truck- Nothing to report.
- Communications- Nothing to report.
- Training- Update on training will be announced soon

Executive Session

- No Comments

Next meeting- TBA

Meeting adjourns.



Tommy Long, NCEMS Director

Bert Lucas, Secretary BRFC