

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