

Newberry County Transportation Committee
Minutes
August 19, 2025

Present: Mr. O. L. Johnson, Mr. Randy Cannon, Mr. Tim Carroll, Mr. Glenn Hamm, Mr. Arnold Hiller, Mr. Harry Werts

Absent:

Others in Attendance: Mr. Herb Cooper, Mr. Josh Rowe, Mr. Jeremy Knight, Mr. Joe Kitchen, Ms. Karen Livingston, Mr. Joe White, Mr. Robert Shirey, Mr. Chad Hawkins, and Ms. Teresa Ball

Call to Order-Invocation

Mr. Carroll called the meeting to order, and Mr. Hamm led the invitation.

1. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda for May 20, 2025. Motion was second and all were in favor.

2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting to be held on May 20 and the special meeting on May 29, 2025, with the exception that Mr. Johnson was absent from both meetings.

Financial Report from Treasurer

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for June 30, 2025, was \$6,498,570.37. The funds received were \$231,712.79. Total withdrawals were \$453,206.64. The total cash balance is \$6,277,076.52. Total funds committed are \$4,931,705.13 and the uncommitted balance is \$1,345,371.39.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.19) was \$3,555,369.08. Total withdrawals were \$1,221,028.92. The total cash balance is \$2,334,340.16. Total funds committed are \$2,334,340.16.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.20) was \$318,000.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.22) was \$3,172,100.00.

Motion made to accept as information only. Motion second and all were in favor.

3. Old Business/New Business

Old Business

New Business

Mr. White said he would like to thank the committee for what they do. I have a philosophy that states the more local we can be in spending taxpayers' money, the better off we are. For me that applies to roads.

Mr. White said that South Carolina is unique in that several years ago, all of the counties decided to turn that responsibility over to the state. Over 85% of the roads in SC are the states responsibility. CTC gets a little money, and you spend 25% of it on state roads. The places in the country that have the best roads, the state is responsible for less than 40% of the roads. So, in other words, state takes money and turns it into county and municipality money, can make decisions on what roads needs to be fixed and why don't we do it that way in SC. Josh with the county has a little budget, Jeremy with the state has a little money for maintenance, not for resurfacing. The big money is controlled by the state. All major resurfacing projects are controlled by the state. I've never been in politics before, and I didn't know what the number one issue was. The number one issue is roads for at least 70% of the people. Why is that? Everybody rides the roads every day. We know if our roads are good or bad. Everybody doesn't go to school every day, so K-12 doesn't have the push and fight that we get on the roads. Everybody doesn't have to deal with our judicial system or law enforcement. At least 75% of the phone calls I receive have to deal with roads. Unless there is a change in the last couple of years, the SCDOT has an annual report, and they reported a couple of years ago that we are number 1 in the nation for deaths and serious injuries on rural roads.

Mr. White said the project that we are in the middle right now drew his attention to what we are doing with the money. We are resurfacing roads all over Newberry, we are about to resurface in Prosperity, Little Mountain, and Whitmire. This new proposal that you are going to look at today is to do some in Silverstreet. I called Tim and asked him what the process was. I am more confused now than before. I tried to find out from SCDOT the request for proposal that includes all of the things we are working on right now. I looked at the list and have not received one phone call from anyone on those roads. I am trying to figure out the process that we use to spend \$8 million, \$4 million came from covid funds and some from the regular CTC fund and I became concerned. I know it wasn't the vans with computers riding the roads to decide what roads need to be resurfaced. I don't think it was Jeremy. How often do you inspect all of the roads? Did this list come from your inspections report?

Mr. Knight said that the mayors provided the list.

Mr. White said he has been in business for 35 years. I appreciate the fact that the mayors said let's spend it on these roads. I'm just not sure that process is a good process.

Mr. Carroll said that after they did that, we asked Jeremy to send DOT out to inspect those roads. We weren't going to pave a road that didn't need it. This was with the one-time money we received. We felt like the local communities hear more about the roads than anyone else. Every one of these roads needed to be repaired. If we had waited a couple of more years, they would have been beyond repair.

Mr. White said he wasn't here to argue or debate, this is something that is water under the bridge, it's done.

Mr. Carroll said they wanted to spread the money throughout the county. We didn't want to spend it all in one area.

Mr. White said that South Street may have 3 or 4 or 5 houses on it. There weren't any potholes on the street. We are digging up two inches and putting two inches back. I want to make sure that we are spending the money wisely.

Mr. Johnson said that for 30 years we didn't have any increase in the gasoline tax to keep up with inflation. The legislature overrode McMaster's veto in 2017. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Cooper what CTC's responsibility is for roads.

Mr. Cooper said that CTC by law right now has to spend 33% of their money on state roads. The rest they can choose where to spend. CTC's primary job is to select projects; they can continue to spend the rest on state roads or anything else related to transportation. The CTC selects who will oversee the project.

Mr. White stated that you just said that all of these were state roads. We took all of those funds and spent them on state roads when we only have to spend 33%.

Mr. Carroll said that we spend so much on state roads, we gave the county \$1.5 million that we obligated to. We just gave them another \$500,000 to pave roads. We don't just spend money on state roads. I try not to select roads that have federal money coming to them. I don't think we should do that.

Mr. Cooper said he may have misinformed Mr. White. The 33% that is required by law is on the recurring amount of the normal apportionment. This contract that you are talking about had quote "one time money" in it. All of that money had to be spent on state road.

Mr. White said what he is still confused about is the process we use. You said you let the mayors tell us what roads and then DOT goes out to inspect them, but the state has a different process. The state has a method to their madness, not just let someone tell us what they want to spend it on and then we say okay we will do that. I am a bit concerned about how we choose these particular roads, who participated in the process. It appears that the same construction company, which gets all of our business, and this looks like the type of project that the smaller companies could have bid on had it broken into smaller projects.

Mr. Carroll said that they have tried that before, and the price is always higher. If you can get more construction companies to bid, we would welcome that. That was the only company that bid in the whole state. What is happening is, the DOT has put so much work out there that everybody is busy and has plenty of work.

Mr. White said we have heard all of the excuses, we don't have money, concrete is expensive, not enough vendors. The DOT wages were low and couldn't get people to work. This is why roads, rural roads in particular never get better.

Mr. Carroll said that is why we try to put all of the money into rural roads. The roads that we pave, DOT, would never have touched in the next ten to fifteen years.

Mr. White said he has several in Newberry County that haven't been touched in 20 years.

Mr. Carroll said that most of the roads haven't been paved in 50 years. We went to a meeting and were told to concentrate on roads inside the city limits and rural areas because the DOT was going to concentrate on the interstates and major highways.

Mr. Hamm said that School Drive in Prosperity was paved, and it was a road that needed repair. It was of the quality of poorly kept up gravel. It was not a priority of the state. It did not fall high on the ranking list because of the traffic count. It is a road that serves thousands of school age children who participate in soccer, football, and baseball. By having the input of our municipalities, we were able to come in and give attention to roads that may not hit the ranking system. It's a fairly complicated system.

Ms. Livingston said that Prosperity was part of the municipality. Our law enforcement gives us a list of all of the streets, and we send the law enforcement and utilities out and have them rank which roads are the worst. School Drive and Circle Drive has a housing development with about

forty houses. We were getting calls every week from elderly people who couldn't walk to the mailbox.

Mr. White said he drives on School Drive all of the time. It is an important road. Who paid for Williams Road to be paved?

Mr. Carroll said that it hasn't been paved recently.

Mr. White said that the mayor has misled him because he said it had been resurfaced and didn't need it. All that I am asking is when Satterfield gets a contract and takes two inches up and puts two inches back, what does he do with it? He keeps it for profit.

Mr. Carroll said that the state lets him do that and you can change the law. The only thing that is happening is the price keeps going up.

Mr. White said the state needs to authorize some of the smaller vendors to do the work. We need to change that, but we need to make sure every dollar we spend is necessary because we have a lot of roads that are killing people. I rode the streets with the highway commissioner and Mr. Knight's boss. I sat in the back seat, and we were on a street that didn't have reflectors or lines. I made the statement; wouldn't this road be safer if it had a line. He replied not necessarily. I am not sure why that wouldn't help. This is a road that school buses travel and the grass was high on both sides. This is my number one concern.

Mr. Johnson asked what he wanted the committee to do.

Mr. White said he would have the state divide the money up by county and let CTC have the bulk of the money and figure out a way to spend it wisely for the county instead of the state never prioritizing some of the dangerous rural roads. Ms. Hall told me in December 2023, our job is to move commerce up and down the state. That shouldn't be the mindset of the secretary. It should be to have quality roads that are safe. At this point, the only thing CTC can do is make sure we are going out to check the roads, and don't rely on the mayors. Once it's determined, we try to make sure when DOT writes the contract, we make it so we might get a competitive bid.

Mr. Cooper said that DOT has a bidding process when everyone selects the roads. They do a confidential estimate of what they think it should cost. Then it goes out for bid. If there is only one bid, it has to be 5% within that confidential estimate. If it's two or three bidders, it has to be 10%. That process insures a competitive bid. DOT doesn't just award the bid.

Mr. Hamm said that ensuring one of your ideas you have today is making sure we get the best bang for our buck. One of the things CTC enjoyed was using the state reclamation crew. If I could make an ask from our side, is consideration of any pressure that could be pushed from your pulpit

from the state house to be able to say that the state was providing a very cost-effective means, which allows CTC to spread their money further and wider. It was a fantastic program.

Mr. White said he would follow up on that.

Mr. Carroll said he thinks Newberry County used them more than any other county.

Mr. White said we have been neglected by the state. I have talked to the procurement office. Everything in those contracts favor the vendors. Even though they might set that figure top secret, I question the integrity of that. If Washington DC can't keep it a secret, you're telling me that our procurement office is keeping that secret. I don't believe that. On most contracts, you have to get at least two bids to get approval. We don't do that, and I think we should. The amount of money Satterfield is making off of federal roads is a disgrace.

Mr. Carroll told Mr. White that if he can get anything changed, CTC will back him.

Mr. White said on PO 41083, the current program amount was \$550,000. The contract low bid was \$1,793 million and the total cost ended up being \$1,972 million. Tell me why you thought it could be done for \$550,000.

Mr. Carroll said they appropriated the money 2 years ago. SCDOT sat on the project and never sent it out. We didn't even know that it happened. Two years later when prices increased, they decided to include this with another project.

Mr. Knight said he thinks there were more road added to that project.

Mr. White said that there are 124 state legislators, and I bet you can't find one of them that can tell you where the five different pots of money are that can be used for roads. We need to find out how to get more money. It's not always about money; it's oversight and accountability.

Mr. White said he appreciated the committee's time.

Mr. Shirey said he wasn't sure who some of the people were at the meeting. May I ask who you are and with.

Mr. Cooper said that he works with the CTC as an advisor.

Mr. Shirey stated that there was a recorder, is this yours?

Mr. White said it wasn't his.

Mr. Shirey said that he lives in Laurens County, but he was born and raised in Newberry County. I have a lot of businesses in the county. I pay a tremendous amount of property tax in Newberry County. We support Newberry County more than we support Laurens County. However, I have a few questions from my construction background and if I ask anything that is not askable just let me know.

Mr. Shirey said that on his trips around Newberry, usually five to six days a week, I see a lot of things going on. Some of these roads on the list that are being repaved, one is Lindsay Street, which didn't have one pothole, and they are resurfacing the street. I am not here to argue, I asked Mr. White if he could get me a list of those roads, what the RFP was like and the contract. It just happens that Pike Electric is in town. I was on Drayton Street and saw Satterfield there. I asked what they were doing and the guy said that they were on South Street paving. They are paving fifty streets and roads in the county. I asked if the roads were in bad condition. He said some were and some weren't. I asked why they were paving South Street. He said they had a drainage issue. I said "can you explain that. He said we were told the water was running in somebody's yard and needed to resurface the road. I asked if they had taken up all of the asphalt. He said yes. I asked if it needed it. He said no. I asked what they were putting down. On each side of the road there was a mound of asphalt. They took the street and made a drainage system out of it; water runs down the street and into a private care facility.

Mr. Shirey said that he noticed today that they were paving Drayton Street, same thing. My point is this, I own about 2,000 acres, most of it contiguous. In Silverstreet there are two roads that I travel multiple times every week. One is Green Tree Road and the other Stoney Battery. We are paving streets that don't appear to need it. Patch crews are over there patching every week. They throw it in the hole with dirt, mud, and water. We have some folks outside of the county that came back with a heater and put a hot patch in it. They are spraying gravel into holes full of dirt. That's how bad these roads are. I don't know if you are going to tell me that is your road or if it isn't. I don't know if you're ever going to tell me you have been down that road. So, my question is this, do you know the top ten worst roads on this list? Do you have any idea where those roads are, because I know where a lot of these roads are and I don't need a mayor. I don't mean to offend any of you folks. You take offense to it; you have been texting back and forth over there. So, I am just being straight forward with it. I am about as straight as a string. We have a problem. I don't know that any of you went and looked at any of these roads before you signed off on it. I am not here to call anybody out, but I am extremely frustrated about the condition and lack of attention to detail to taking care of the problem. We've got money, we are repairing roads that don't need to be repaired.

Mr. Carroll said that he looked at some of the roads.

Mr. Shirey asked if they looked at all of them. Can you tell me which ones you didn't look at?

Mr. Carroll said there were some down in Prosperity. The road you are talking about off of Drayton Street hasn't been paved in fifty years.

Mr. Shirey asked if the asphalt had exceeded its life span.

Mr. Carroll said that you just couldn't look for potholes, if the asphalt is cracked, then water is getting down to the foundation.

Now Mr. Shirey said the way it is water is going to stay on the road. If the water doesn't drain, it will deteriorate even more.

Mr. Carroll said that they are supposed to pave it so the water will run off of the road.

Mr. Shirey said so, none of these roads are supposed to have asphalt dams on the side of them to channel water.

Mr. Carroll said the DOT runs the contract, I don't know all of the rules and regulations, but I will go look at it.

Mr. Shirey said so we don't know if it's being done correctly or not.

Mr. Hamm wanted to thank Mr. Shirey for attending and wanted to invite him back.

Mr. Shirey said he is willing to come back only if it does some good. So, if I leave here today and don't feel like we have made progress, then I will move to another path to try to make progress. That's just the way I operate. We know what the problem is, we have a lot of funding to do something with. I don't like this format. What I don't understand about it is you get a price per mile right. It that a single lane road, is it eleven feet, twelve feet wide, what is it?

Mr. Shirey asked if they had a breakdown of the cost per road.

Mr. Carroll said that the DOT does.

Mr. Shirey asked if it was the cost per road.

Mr. Carroll replied yes.

Mr. Shirey asked if they came back and was told that any of the roads recommended for repair didn't need it.

Mr. Carroll said no.

Mr. Shirey asked if they gave a breakdown of the cost associated with each road.

Mr. Carroll said he doesn't know if they ever saw that or not.

Mr. Shirey asked if you saw it, would you have said that it is too much for that road and it doesn't need it right now.

Mr. Carroll said they cut some of the roads out.

Mr. Shirey asked why.

Mr. Carroll said because it would cost too much.

Mr. Shirey asked how he knew that.

Mr. Carroll said because we didn't have the money.

Mr. Shirey asked how did you decide which roads you were going to do and weren't going to do.

Mr. Carroll said they went to look at them. I'm not going to say it would have been good to repave it and it's going to need repaving soon, right now we are going to have to put it on the back burner. We had to cut some roads out from every town. We did the worst roads.

Mr. Shirey asked when you say they, who are they. Is that just the mayor? I am just trying to understand.

Mr. Carroll said it was all of the communities, like the mayor, council. It just wasn't one person.

Mr. Shirey asked if any of these roads were declared unsafe by the sheriff's office.

Mr. Carroll said he didn't know.

Mr. Shirey said we do know that the sheriff's office had declared some of these roads to be unsafe and none of them on this list.

Mr. Carroll said this is the problem, CTC is not supposed to pave all of these roads. The state is supposed to. CTC normally gets \$1.3 million each year with the new gas tax.

Mr. Shirey said that he already understands all of this. I started with the governor's office. I have met with all of the people at SCDOT, top down. This is what I found out, Newberry County doesn't

have strong representation, so you're in a competitive market to get this money. We have not done a particularly respectable job of getting our fair share of quality people, the money or attention.

Mr. Carroll said that you are going to have to help. We can only do as much as we can with the money we received.

Mr. Shirey said that Mr. White can get us more money. We don't need the whole community involved, we need professionals, we don't need opinions, and we don't need feelings associated or ideas. We need to deal with the facts. These are the worst roads, the unsafe roads and those roads become the priority in the community. There are several roads on this list that I have gone and looked at and I am continuing to go look at them, photograph them, and say there is nothing wrong with these roads.

Mr. Shirey said he understands what the process is. Does SCDOT have a man out there where the work is being done today?

Mr. Knight said yes, they have inspectors at every job.

Mr. Shirey asked if they were there every day.

Mr. Knight said he didn't know.

Mr. Carroll said what you think is an unsafe road some people may not.

Mr. Shirey said it wasn't him; it's the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department gave us a list. Mr. Shirey said that Mr. White does have the list.

Mr. Hawkins asked how Mr. Foster classifies that.

Mr. Carroll said he didn't know that the Sheriff had a list.

Mr. Shirey said he requested through Mr. White to get that done. I supported Mr. White to have the office that he has to get somebody to represent Newberry County.

Mr. Cooper said the Sheriff deputies do an excellent job. They are not qualified to evaluate roads. DOT has a very intense process of evaluating roads.

Mr. Shirey asked, do you know what that format is, which is in written form and dictated by Mr. White's branch of government? Have you seen the written format and what that is because I am familiar with it? Can you tell me what law that is?

Mr. Cooper said the law was passed in 2007 that said the DOT has to come up with some sort of standard, not just a subject, but an objective ranking system to rank every road in every county.

Mr. Shirey said so they are supposed to be inspected one time every year before the end of the fiscal year. It tells you what type of vehicle that is supposed to be used, is supposed to be done during the daytime and at night, whether the lights are supposed to be on high beam or low beam. It is extremely detailed in how what process is supposed to be taken and done on every road that needs to be signed off on.

Mr. Cooper said he didn't know about the high beam, low beam.

Mr. Shirey said it's in there sir; you should look at it.

Mr. Cooper said he's talking about the law that ranks the roads.

Mr. Shirey asked when you say the law, are you talking about SCDOT law or the law that is made by lawmakers?

Mr. Cooper said the lawmakers.

Mr. Shirey said we can get a copy of it.

Mr. Cooper said DOT came up with a standard in 2007.

Mr. Shirey said that DOT didn't have anything to do with this standard. The lawmakers came up with this standard.

Mr. Cooper said the details of the law that I am talking about are the laws that you have to come up with a standard. DOT came up with standard of the ranking system that is still in effect today.

Mr. Shirey said so you are telling me that all of the roads met that ranking system?

Mr. Cooper said that they are all ranked.

Mr. Shirey said I am just asking you.

Mr. Cooper said they are ranked best to worst.

Mr. Shirey asked if all of these are in a condition to be redone or is this just under advisement? So you are saying as I understand it, the mayors picked this list out and the mayors can walk out there, get public comment, put these roads on a list and it just so happens that when DOT goes

out to look at it they say yeah you're right? They all need to be replaced. They have a crack in them, no pothole, but they have a crack --- come on now.

Mr. Cooper said he has looked at a lot of these roads personally and I didn't see any road that didn't need it.

Mr. Knight said just to clear something up, the CTC funds are not subject to that law.

Mr. Shirey said so they have their own law.

Mr. Cooper said they have no law. There is a CTC law that says they can pick any road they want to.

Mr. Shirey said Well that's what you did, right?

Mr. Cooper said no. They rely on the DOT's ranking formula. Also, they are not going to pick a road that has just been resurfaced. After these roads are selected, they are sent to the district office in Greenwood. There is a specialist in that office that does nothing but go out and rides the road and that's who evaluates them and comes up with what type of repair each road needs done.

Mr. White said we are confusing regulations, laws, and policies.

Mr. Carroll said some of the roads were federal roads and we are not paying for them, period. I don't care how bad they are.

Mr. White said what he is trying to say is we play games with the policy. We pretend that we follow the policy. I bet none of these roads are on the highest priority list at SCDOT.

Mr. Carroll said that they don't always look at the highest list, but we try to pick roads within the community that are not going to get attention from DOT. The ultimate responsibility for all of these roads is the State and they don't do it.

Mr. Shirey said he agrees with that.

Mr. Carroll asked, "what do you want the committee to do?"

Mr. Shirey asked if they felt like they got their value out of the work that was done.

Mr. Carroll said they do.

Mr. Shirey asked if they have an internal plan.

Mr. Carroll said they didn't. The price is \$800,000 per mile.

Mr. Shirey said the price you get is \$800,000 per mile.

Mr. Carroll said yes, from DOT.

Mr. Shirey said I'm just asking. He then asked if they knew what the condition of Satterfield setting up a batch plant on Hwy 34 was.

Mr. Carroll said no.

Mr. Shirey said, "don't you think there would have to be a minimum reward to set up a batch plant?"

Mr. Hawkins said it is not a batch plant.

Mr. Shirey asked if he was the mayor.

Mr. Hawkins said he wasn't. I am on the town council but am also retired from SCDOT.

Mr. Shirey said our roads should be in better shape, sir.

Mr. Carroll said that it wasn't their job to figure out.

Mr. Shirey said Well it may be your job. For somebody to come in and set up a batch plant like that then obviously they plan on a large scope of work. Do you know where the next closest one is?

Mr. Carroll said there is one in Conway.

Mr. Shirey said that there are several of them closer than that.

Mr. Hawkins said that there is CT Jackson in Columbia and Reeves Construction in Columbia.

Mr. Hamm said that CTC here relies on three groups of partners. Government entities help bring attention to the needs of the county. None of us up here are in business, nor have we come in and said we think this needs to be done. We rely on SCDOT, the county and our municipalities. Working with those groups we have addressed the roads in the county. We are not a decision-making body in the sense of pushing forward an agenda in any of our parts sir. We are here to

support the entities to get this job done. We are a check book. If there is a road that has not been paved, that should have, and you called out Stoney Battery, then that is a road that I recall having been brought to us as a road needing repair.

Mr. Shirey asked if they could tell him how you send crews to work on that road.

Mr. Knight said he knows they have been there the last couple of weeks, multiple days. We weren't able to do some of the work for a while because of the rain but I know they have been there recently.

Mr. Shirey said he asked of it's on the list – ongoing constantly.

Mr. Knight said that it would cost around \$4 to \$5 million dollars to do that road.

Mr. Shirey said so the decision is made. We can get a little shopping list, we can make everybody feel good, right? So, we can take that little bit of money, we can trickle it out, put a little pixie dust throughout the community, and make everybody feel good. Shine it up, polish it up, give a little to Whitmire, throw a little around and make everyone in the neighborhood feel good. Make all the little mayors rub their hands, cut their little ribbons, do a little tap dance and we can go out and take care of a serious problem where we are constantly having to send crews out to them, every week to fix and repatch and we're talking potholes in the road inches deep.

Mr. Carroll said that they started this in 2020. Was Stoney Battery on there in 2020? NO. The roads that we paved in these communities needed it. They have been neglected. They are in communities that don't have a lot of traffic. People are tired of hitting potholes in small communities just like they are in the big communities.

Mr. Cooper said that the state had a meeting a few years ago when Christie Hall was Secretary of Transportation. It was for the CTCs. She said that they were not going to get to these small roads in these cities but are going to help with the bigger roads.

Mr. Shirey said to take note of who you are taking advice from and who is in that position and who you are representing as a person who knows what's going on. I know a little bit more about this process that most people in Newberry County do. I deal with contractors throughout, regardless of your engineering or wherever you come from or whatever it is that you seem to have the high archy over there about it. I am here to do good and try to make sure that the people that are making the decisions have a clear view and not a very narrow view of things. You can look up this information or I will be glad to provide you with signed documents of these types of incidents where the taxpayer money is forfeited due to SCDOT making bad decisions.

Mr. Carroll said that he isn't going to say they don't. I think they do too. That has no reflection on our decisions because I don't know what kind of decisions they make.

Mr. Shirey said he wouldn't have a whole lot of confidence in somebody like that deciding how I am going to spend the money.

Mr. Carroll said that they don't decide.

Mr. Shirey said that he is going to say it like this: you are responsible for Newberry County's roads. Hold on, you can choose to say that you're not or you can choose to say you are. You have a portion of the budget, and you can choose to spend it at your discretion. Right or wrong.

Mr. Carroll said yes.

Mr. Shirey said I this that has been decided here today by you. We can get the committee more money. I am confident that I don't want you to treat me like your girlfriend, right because your girlfriend is never going to have enough money and your wife is going to take whatever she has and make it work.

Mr. Hamm said he thinks where you started today is the beginning of a good conversation. I don't think it's the end. What I would encourage is to dig deeper into what we do here and additionally to, you talk about wife vs girlfriend, I think if there are more pathways that we can get more money, that's a partnership that we are looking for. What I don't see is you showing up here today, you have a voice for your passion and let that trickle off because then we have not really done anything together.

Mr. Shirey said he doesn't have a problem with that. I am committed to Newberry, but I am not going to argue, we are not doing a particularly decent job. I don't know if you all understand that. The people in Greenwood are making the decisions, right? We know that McCullough works for a lady in Anderson County. If you look at that budget, all of the money is going to Anderson County. Have you studied that budget?

Mr. Cooper said that it is all about the formula, population, by number of road miles, etc.

Mr. White said that the formula cheated us.

Mr. Cooper said that is something that needs to be taken up with DOT.

Mr. Hamm said that it is being presented today as we are the adversary in some way to doing it correctly. There are many topics we share a common view on. We have little ability to do much of anything.

Mr. Shirey said he didn't want to come across as being adversarial. My delivery is not smooth, but I didn't come here to fall in love.

Mr. White said he wants to fight to get more local money. I want to make sure that we have a plan by which we decide how to spend that money and follow up to make sure whoever gets the contract bids the way the contract says.

Mr. Carroll told Mr. White that he would have to help with the contract, we have no say over that.

Mr. Shirey asked what kind of influence CTC can put on SCDOT, instead of going to them with your hat in your hand all of the time. It seems to me like you should have the power to be able to demand accountability with SCDOT by saying here is a list of all of the roads that we need funding for instead of concentrating on the \$1.8 million. Whether or not you realize it, you are just getting some hush money. Can you get a list of defective roads and give it to Mr. White?

Mr. Carroll said that they get him a list. I would like to get a list of the top twenty roads that are not federally funded, five years out.

Mr. Cooper said that the things that both Mr. Shirey and Mr. White are talking about are going to be controlled by the legislature.

Mr. Hawkins asked the committee to consider repairs for Brookside Drive and Dallas Street.

4. Public Works Report

A. Josh Rowe - Newberry County Public Works Director

B. Jeremy Knight - SC Department of Transportation

Mr. Knight said he has some roads in Silverstreet, Little Mountain along with Dusty Road and Grant Drive that need repaired. The request is for \$3.4 million.

Motion was made to approve the request, motion second, and all were in favor.

C. Joe Kitchen – City of Newberry Public Works Director

Mr. Kitchen said he had an invoice for Luke Street to get approved.

Motion made to approve, motion seconded, all were in favor.

5. Public Comments

6. Executive Session

7. Consideration of Actions on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

8. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn. Motion second and all were in favor.

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Teresa Ball, Newberry County Public Works Approved