

Newberry County Transportation Committee

Agenda

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 @ 3 PM

Call to Order-Invocation

1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting that was held on August 18, 2026.
3. Financial Report
4. Old Business/New Business
5. Public Works Report
 - a. Josh Rowe – Newberry County Public Works Director
 - b. Rebecca Owen – SC Department of Transportation
 - c. Joe Kitchen – City of Newberry Public Works Director
6. Public Comments
Limit speaking to 5 minutes
7. Executive Session (if needed)
8. Consideration of Actions on Matters Discussed in Executive Session
9. Adjournment

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

2. **Old Business/New Business**
Old Business

Mr. Carroll said that Becky's got a request for amendment on that \$200,000 we gave Jeremy before he left to do some full-depth patching on St. Church Road and Dennis Dairy Road, and I'll let her explain it.

Ms. Owen said it's no more money. She just needs permission to do it in a little bit unique way. Right now, the verbiage allows us to purchase hot mix asphalt, and that's our intention to do everything in-house as much as we can.

There are three counties that are coming together to do this project, and we're a little worried that if one has an equipment breakdown, now we've lost our milling. So, we'd like the option of having it to bring in, rental or something if something like that were to happen. So, we just want to amend the agreement to it.

Mr. Carroll asked if they found a milling machine, or are you going to have to rent that?

Ms. Owen said that Greenville is going to provide that, in addition to the paving machine, and then we're doing kind of everything else. We're actually hoping to start mid-September, so probably the next meeting we may have started.

Mr. Hamm said, so the motion that needs to be, to make sure I get this right, the motion would be to request that language change to allow equipment rental if necessary?

Mr. Carroll said we've got a motion to change the language so that they could take some of the money that we already allocated without any exception of expense, and allow them, if needed, they can rent some equipment. And you'll have to follow your guidelines as far as bidding it out. It goes over a certain amount, as I understand. So, if you just need to rent it for one day or two days or something like that and it doesn't exceed your amount, then you can go ahead and rent it.

Mr. Carroll said I've got a motion that we change the verbiage so that it will allow them to rent some equipment if they need it if they have a breakdown or come to an emergency and they need equipment to keep on moving.

Motion was made to approve the change. Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Rowe said we talked about Seagull Lane at the last meeting. I've given you two maps. One of them is the longer section that's highlighted. That's Seagull Lane coming from off of Ira Kinard Road to Osprey Point. And then the shorter highlighted section is actually Osprey Point. There is an additional section that is involved here that's not as bad a shape, but, you know, it's still a road that is showing some signs of deterioration there.

So, what I did is I had reached out to Satterfield Construction to give us an estimate of where we would be if we went about to try to reclaim all of these roads. So, what they come back with is the section of Seagull Lane, which is about a mile. That's about \$587,000, Osprey Point, which is about .36 miles, would be another \$245,000. And if we want to do the third section, it's about a half a mile, so you're looking at about another \$290,000 there. So, what I've come up with,

just estimating it and adding a little to it just to cover things, is you want to do all sections of these roads and eliminate any problems in that area.

You're looking at around \$1.2 million total. And that's going to cover you just shy of two miles. Again, this is a full-depth reclamation.

So, you're talking about a 10-inch base, seventy pounds per square yard, cement mix, 2-inch surface, type C, which would be around 150 square yards or pounds per square yard. And this also, which is incredibly important as well, this would take the road, current road width is about eighteen feet, and it does go in and out in some places, but this would be uniform at 20 feet wide. So, you have a wider road, wider lanes, a much better base that will be in place, and then, of course, the surface.

Obviously, it would improve the roads in that area. There would be some additional costs, we obviously share the opinion that we want to get some kind of engineering firm involved with this to make sure that everything's done properly. In-house, we have the ability to inspect asphalt, and I'm certified in that.

You know, we have others that are, but when it comes to doing reclamation like this, it gets a little bit beyond what I would want to take responsibility for, and that's just in-house. So, I think, you know, it would pay dividends to definitely, you know, try to hire an engineering firm as well. So, there would be some additional costs involved in that.

Mr. Carroll said that if we're going to spend this kind of money, you know, we'd like an engineering firm to do some soil samples, see what it needs, the base, and how much concrete mixture and all that, just to make sure. And I know they were estimating it high, you know, but, you know, there again, to make sure that it's right.

I think if the governor didn't veto it, the CTCs are supposed to get \$1.75 million to the CTC's would give us about \$2.8 million of one-time money.

I met with the county just to see where we were out there at Samsung, and they're somewhere around \$3.1 million. So, we could still give the \$500,000 that we promised, and we could still fund this with that.

New Business

Mr. Hawkins said that there is a crosswalk at the clock in Prosperity that goes over to the drugstore. There have been issues with the officers' writing tickets. We have signs there, but we are trying to bring more visibility to that sign. There is a solar powered sign that you hit the button, and it flashes to warn people. The estimate is around \$6,500. We would like to get funding to purchase the light. We will install the light.

Mr. Carroll asked Mr. Cooper if they could use the money set aside for signage.

Mr. Cooper said they that could.

Mr. Carroll said to use the money set aside.

Mr. Hamm said that there is some cracking on School Drive, it has been less than a year since this was done.

Mr. Hawkins said that it has too much concrete in it and with the heat it is expansion cracks. You are building roads and trying to do reclamation and using a concrete base and you are putting cement with water and dirt in it. It depends on how you cap it, which then the heat and cooling don't affect it as much, so you don't get the expansion cracks.

Mr. Cooper said that he would talk to the construction engineer about this.

Mr. Carroll said that the state legislators passed new regulations for the CTC. We have about one year to implement them.

Mr. Hamm said that he received a thank you for putting on a 4-way stop at Wheeland and Wheeland School Road.

3. Public Works Report

A. Josh Rowe - Newberry County Public Works Director

Mr. Cannon asked if Mr. Rowe has heard any update on FEMA about the bridges? Mr. Rowe said that the last update I had was that where the county is at currently, we're waiting on, number one, what the cost share is going to be, and then, number two, what FEMA is willing to actually I guess appraise these bridges, what the cost will be and all that. We've had a consultant come in and actually do our own appraisals and stuff on what the cost may be.

But, like I said, we can't move on until we get a cost share because we don't know exactly what we've got. Because we're about to spend all that money up front. The county doesn't know what that amount is currently.

So, we're still waiting for that, unfortunately. But as soon as they give us that, I think that's going to be what kicks it in gear for us to start to move forward on some of that.

B. Rebecca Owen – SC Department of Transportation

Ms. Owen said there was a project for various roads, mostly Silver Street and Little Mountain. From what I can tell, there's a notice to proceed for Satterfield and completion around the end of August 2027.

The state was doing a lot of roads there. They were funding a lot of them, and then they asked us to fund some of the little, shorter ones. There was a \$3.5 million for Colony Church and Little Egypt. That's been added to an existing contract, from what I can tell, Satterfield as well, and that one was extended to June 2027, the completion date.

The partial funding that you approved for Stoney Battery, so we've approved the other half, and it looks like, they have requested to add it to an existing contract, and they would extend that completion date to May 2027, and I believe the project for that bridge is like August 2027, so maybe it's a time to get that in.

Mr. Carroll asked you to give us an update on the money we gave you here about a year ago, \$200,000 for full-depth patching Henry Longshore Road and Scurry Church Road.

Ms. Owen said that project was bid out and awarded Satterfield Construction. They have not given me a start date yet.

C. Joe Kitchen – City of Newberry Public Works Director

Ms. Gray said that the city of Newberry did not receive the bridge grant. We will be returning \$245,000 that was funded for this project. We will be reapplying next year.

4. Public Comments

Mr. Meetze said he wanted to talk about the money for Colony Church Road. The blame of failure is SCDOT. I watched the construction and everything was going normally, then I noticed they were putting rumble strips on the side of the road and milling into the dirt. I called district two to let them know. The day after, the edge of the pavement started coming up. I don't know who allowed this to happen. I called the director of maintenance; he called back the next day. He had the pavement preservation person there also. I told him about my observation. I don't think Newberry County should put \$1.5 million into this project. It is DOT's failure.

Mr. Carroll said that he agrees.

5. Executive Session

6. Consideration of Actions on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

7. Adjournment

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

Teresa Ball, Newberry County Public Works Approved Minutes Prepared By: