



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2014**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

PRESENT: **Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman**
Kirksey Koon, Vice Chairman
John E. Caldwell, Councilman
Bill Waldrop, Councilman
Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman
Steve Stockman, Councilman
Scott Cain, Councilman
Wayne Adams, County Administrator
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

MEDIA: **Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer**
Tammy Kitchen, WKDK

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order and determined a quorum present.

Chairman Livingston led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. *Adoption of Consent Agenda*

Mr. Hipp motioned to adopt the consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

2. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Koon motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

3. Consideration to purchase Tactical Ballistic Vests in the amount of \$49,217.05 for Critical Incident Response Team

Lieutenant Ben Chapman, Sheriff's Office, reported that the Sheriff's Office would like to request approval to purchase the tactical ballistic vests. The vests are more protective and provide arm and groin protection and rifle protection to the vital areas. He said all of the funds will come from grants for us to purchase 18 of vests and 6 additional hard armor plates for the rifle protection. These vests are on state contract and the total amount is \$49,217.05 as the Chairman stated.

Mr. Koon motioned to approve the purchase; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

4. Committee Reports

a. Public Works and Planning - 11/24/14

Mike Pisano, Public Works Director, reported that the following items were discussed at the Public Works and Planning Committee meeting on November 24, 2014:

- The committee was updated on the plans to address the culvert failure on Felker-Setzler Road. A quote of \$29,742.00 was provided and the committee approved this expenditure due to the urgency of the situation.
- Mr. Brian Steed requested the transfer of a ground lease from Mr. Todd Clamp at the airport. Mr. Clamp has a long term lease at a nominal fee which Mr. Steed would like to take over. Staff has some concerns about the length and terms of the lease and this will be addressed with Mr. Steed at further length.
- Mrs. Karen Singleton expressed her desire for help to maintain a private road. The county ordinance was explained to her and we could not take it into the county system unless it was paved.
- The committee went into Executive Session to discuss two matters and no action was taken in that session.
- The committee approved the Capital Improvement Plan for the Newberry County Airport which will move the terminal building design and construction up to the next two years.

5. Appointments

No appointments.

6. Public Comments (by those who signed up at the meeting)

No comments.

7. Executive Session (if needed)

No Executive Session.

8. Comments/Request from County Administrator

No comments.

9. Comments/Request from Council Members

Mr. Hipp noted that Kiswire is moving ahead with Phase II investing 30 million dollars with an addition of 45 new jobs. It is good to see existing industries expanding in Newberry County.

Mr. Hipp extended an invitation to Council and staff to come out to the Triangle Gun Club on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Koon extended condolences to the families of Mrs. Jennie Bedenbaugh and Mr. Tommy Longshore who were members of the County Transportation Committee.

10. Future Meetings

- a. "On the Move with Margaret" 12/15/14 @ 9:15 a.m.
- b. Economic Development Committee 12/15/14 @ 6:00 p.m.
- c. County Council 12/17/14 @ 7:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council

