



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 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
Bill Waldrop, Councilman
Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman
Steve Stockman, Councilman
Scott Cain, Councilman
Travis Reeder, Councilman
Wayne Adams, County Administrator
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

MEDIA: **Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer**
Samie Truong, WKDK

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order.

Mr. Les Hipp led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

2. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Cain recommended that agenda item #5 be moved to 2a.

Mr. Koon motioned to adopt agenda as amended; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

2a. Resolution #15-15: A Resolution congratulating the 2015 Chapin-Newberry American Legion Champions

Mr. Adams read Resolution #15-15 into the record:

“WHEREAS, the 2015 Chapin-Newberry American Legion Post 193 and Post 24 team won the 2015 American Legion World Series in Shelby, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Chapin-Newberry team ended their season with a record of 32 wins and only 1 loss, that loss occurring during the World Series; and

WHEREAS, this title is the first for a South Carolina team since 1936, and Chapin-Newberry was the first regular season unbeaten team to make it to the World Series since 1963; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to recognize and commend the Chapin-Newberry team for this outstanding accomplishment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL CONGRATULATES THE CHAPIN-NEWBERRY TEAM AND ITS MEMBERS: Danton Hyman

Kevis Burton	Ryne Huggins	
Patrick Yoder	Josh Haney	Sean Riehm
Tristan Smaltz	Duncan Crotwell	Peyton Spangler
Blake Smith	Andrew Livingston	Trey Huber
Zack Ziesing	Delshun Young	Landon Allison
Ryan Stoudemire	Justin Hawkins	Corey Stone

As well as Coaches Daniel Gregory, David Coats, Anthony Robertson, and Marion Baker; and Manager Rob Livingston.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be published in the official minutes of the Newberry County Council and a framed copy presented to the team.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 2nd day of September, 2015.”

3. Personal Appearances

a. Hugh Gray, Executive Director of Westview Behavioral

Mr. Gray presented Council with a handout and gave an overview of the merger to date between Saluda Behavioral Health Services and Westview. He shared that Newberry County will continue to appoint its seven members to the board. Saluda will appoint five members; for a total of 12 board members that will oversee the Westview Behavioral

Health Services of Saluda and Newberry Counties. The official merger date is slated for July 1, 2016.

b. Donna Lominack, Auditor

Mrs. Lominack officially set the 2015 levy for County and School Bonded Indebtedness as follows:

County Ordinary	125.0 mills
Reserve Fund	0.0
General Obligation Bonds of 2007	0.5
General Obligation Bonds of 2007A	0.9
General Obligation Bonds of 2010A	1.2
General Obligation Bonds of 2010B	1.2
2015 B County Lease Purchase	6.2
2015 A Santee Cooper	0.2
CPST Bond	0.3
Community Services	6.7
TOTAL	142.2 mills

The Newberry County Board of Education has levied the following for school purposes:

School Ordinary	186.8 mills
School General Obligation Bonds of 2015	53.0
TOTAL	239.8 mills

The total 2015 tax levy for both County and School purposes is set at 382.0 mills.

Mrs. Lominack's report is attached and part of the official minutes.

- 4. Resolution #14-15: A Resolution to congratulate Harvest Hope Food Bank for its work to bring awareness to the issue of hunger in South Carolina and to recognize "Hunger Awareness and Action Month."***

Mr. Adams read Resolution #14-15 into the record:

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated as "Hunger Awareness and Action Month" in order to provide a unified opportunity for communities in South Carolina to focus attention on the persistent problem of domestic hunger and to mobilize to create a movement to help end hunger in our state; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, 14.1 percent of South Carolina households were food insecure; and

WHEREAS, according to a study published by Feeding America, in 2013, 814,560 South Carolinians, including 5,700 residents of Newberry County did not always know where they would find their next meal; and

WHEREAS, hunger is a reality for 17.1 percent of South Carolinians and 15.2 percent of residents of Newberry County; and

WHEREAS, many households in South Carolina experience hunger, and some people in these households frequently skip meals or eat too little, sometimes going without food for an entire day; and

WHEREAS, research shows that preschool and school-age children who experience severe hunger have higher levels of chronic illness, anxiety and depression, and behavioral problems than children receiving a well-balanced diet; and

WHEREAS, food insecure seniors have lower nutrient intakes than food secure seniors, and without proper nutrients, seniors are at increased risk of disability, deteriorated health conditions, decreased resistance to infections, lengthened hospital stays, deteriorated mental health, and being underweight; and

WHEREAS, the costs of other essentials, such as home heating, gasoline, housing, and medical care, have increased significantly, and for families caught in the squeeze between declining wages and rising costs, the food budget becomes a frequent pressure point; and

WHEREAS, utilization of emergency food assistance becomes a way for these individuals and families to keep food on the table while still paying the bills; and

WHEREAS, individuals, charities, businesses, and government all have a role to play in getting food to those in need; and

WHEREAS, food banks (including Harvest Hope Food Bank), soup kitchens, food pantries, faith-based organizations, businesses, and individuals are donating time, raising funds and giving food to help their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Harvest Hope Food Bank, as a member of Feeding America, provides guidance, support and vital food resources to almost six hundred agencies in its twenty county service area, including 4agencies in NEWBERRY COUNTY and for every dollar of support, providing an average of five (5) meals, plus each hour of volunteer time saves taxpayers \$25.00; and

WHEREAS, Harvest Hope Food Bank, provided services to 11,974 families and 31,013 individuals in NEWBERRY COUNTY in the most recently completed fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, individuals benefiting from the availability of donated food range from infants and toddlers, school-age children and adolescents to single mothers, single fathers, two-parent families, veterans and their families, and seniors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Newberry County Council:

THAT the members of Council, by this resolution, congratulate Harvest Hope Food Bank for its work to bring awareness to the issue of hunger in South Carolina and to recognize September as “Hunger Awareness and Action Month” in Newberry County, South Carolina.”

5. *Resolution #15-15: A Resolution congratulating the 2015 Chapin-Newberry American Legion Champions*

Moved to Agenda Item 2a.

6. *Appointments*

No appointments.

7. Committee Reports

a. Public Works and Planning 8/24/15

Mr. Pisano reported that the Public Works and Planning Committee met on August 24, 2105 and the following items were discussed.

- Special Tax District would not be a viable option for the citizens on Fox Briar Road.
- Touring of approximately 95 private roads/drives currently maintained by the county.
- Leitzsey Road determined private road.
- Peninsula Road improvements.
- Single stream recycling will be up and running in Little Mtn. on September 15, 2015
- Completion of the Public Works Storage Building.
- Federal funding for Airport terminal.

8. Public Comments

No comments.

9. Executive Session (if needed)

No Executive Session.

10. Comments/Request from County Administrator

Mr. Adams commended Donna Lominack and stated she was the best Auditor in the State.

11. Comments/Request from Council Members

It was a consensus among Council the great job Mrs. Lominack was doing as Newberry County's Auditor. Council also congratulated the Chapin-Newberry American Legion baseball team for their World Series Championship win and invited everyone to a ceremony in their honor on Sunday.

12. Future Meetings

- a. "On the Move with Margaret" – 9/14/15 @ 9:15 a.m.
- b. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee – 9/14/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. County Council – 9/16/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- d. Council Work Session (Zoning Ordinance) @ 9/21/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- e. Economic Development Committee – 9/28/15 @ 7:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council