

**Newberry County Public Works and Planning Committee
Minutes
Monday, March 3, 2014
6:00pm.**

Members Present: Mr. Scott Cain, Mr. Steve Stockman, Mr. Bill Waldrop

Others in Attendance: Wayne Adams, Mike Pisano, Leslie Jenkins, Patrick Meetze, Stacy Guy, Ed Owens, and Katherine Derrick

1. Call to Order – Wayne Adams, County Administrator

Mr. Adams called the meeting to order.

2. Election of Chairman for 2014 – Wayne Adams, County Administrator

Mr. Waldrop motioned to nominate Mr. Scott Cain as Chairman; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of August 19, 2013 and November 25, 2013 Minutes

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve the August 19, 2013 and November 25, 2013 minutes; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

4. Discussion of Glass Recycling – Stacy Guy, Recycling Coordinator

Mrs. Guy reported to the Committee that the current operating cost annually to recycle glass is \$7,388.00. Mrs. Guy stated that they would like to change the system of collecting glass by using 4 yard containers from Allied Waste, which would use less man power and keep the Public Works employees from having to work with the glass; this would cost an extra \$5,000.00 per year. Mr. Adams stated that glass is the least profitable commodity to recycle. Mr. Adams also stated that recycling glass only saves the county \$2,000.00 in landfill costs and we receive nothing for the commodity. Mr. Adams stated that the way glass is handled must be changed for safety reasons. Mr. Adams also stated that once the 4 yard containers filled, Allied Waste would pick them up and deliver to a central point, possibly the recycling center on Dixie Road, then put all of the glass into a 20 yard container and take it away for disposal. Mr. Adams stated that even as this system changes, is glass something that we want to continue to recycle given the net cost would be \$10,000.00 a year. Mr. Adams also stated that the total recycling revenue for the year ending June 30, 2013 was about \$140,000.00. Mr. Adams stated that the biggest commodity is scrap metal which brings in a little over \$60,000.00 per year, cardboard brings in about

\$40,000.00 per year; plastic brings in about \$10,000.00 per year and aluminum brings in about \$5,000.00 per year. Mr. Adams also stated that the busiest recycling centers are Seibert Rd., Little Mountain, and Dixie Rd. Mr. Stockman stated the question what would people do with the glass if it was not being recycled? Mr. Adams stated that it would go into the garbage and would cost about \$2,000.00 per year, rather than the \$10,000.00 that it costs now. Mr. Adams also stated that in recycling you want to limit the number of hauls made and limit handling the commodity as much as possible to decrease the use of man power. Mr. Adams stated that some counties are putting all commodities with the exception of glass in a compactor and hauling it to a MRF, a material recovery facility, where it is sorted, and this is what they want to examine to determine if it is more cost effective. Mr. Cain stated that it is important for our county to recycle all commodities, including glass. Mr. Cain also stated that the easier it is to recycle the more people may be influenced to recycle.

5. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to Chapter 96 of the Newberry Co. Code of Ordinances – Leslie Jenkins, Animal Care and Control Operations Manager

Miss Jenkins reported to the Committee that there are a few discrepancies in Chapter 96 pertaining to the operation of Animal Care and Control. Miss Jenkins stated that under the section of Unwanted Animals it currently states that they accept animals from 10:00am until 5:00pm, Miss Jenkins would like the hours of acceptance changed from 10:00am until 4:00pm.; so that they are not trying to get animals situated at closing. Miss Jenkins also stated that under C in the same section it states that Animal Care and Control accepts out of county animals for a fee, Miss Jenkins would like to change the ordinance by not taking any out of county animals. Miss Jenkins also stated that under Dogs and Puppies the fee listed is \$70.00 but should be changed to \$85.00 to help cover the cost of vaccinations and surgery. Miss Jenkins stated that under Cats and Kittens the fee listed is \$60.00 but should be changed to \$65.00 to cover medical costs as well. Mr. Adams stated that the prices have been changed in the annual budget ordinance, just not in this chapter. Miss Jenkins stated that under the Euthanasia section it states in the ordinance that Animal Care and Control offers Euthanasia as a public service, Miss Jenkins requests that Euthanasia not be offered as a public service anymore. Miss Jenkins stated that their address needs to be changed to 240 Public Works Drive, Newberry, SC 29108 under Agency to Enforce. Mr. Adams stated that they are working toward a grand opening in the spring for the new Public Works complex and would like the Committee to think about doing another spay and neuter push, possibly for free. Mr. Adams also stated that since December 2012 there have been 2,500 animals sterilized at Animal Care and Control. Mr. Adams stated that half of the 75% of animals euthanized are wild, sterile cats. Mr. Stockman motioned to move this item to council for further approval; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

6. Recommendation of Bids for Berley Road Bridge – Mike Pisano, Director of Public Works

Mr. Pisano reported to the Committee that he had received two bids on February 20, 2014, one from Lindler's Construction for \$77,606.92 and the second bid from McClam and Associates for \$70,641.30. Mr. Pisano stated that these bids are for twin 72 inch culvert pipes with gravel surface. Mr. Pisano stated that the demolition of the current bridge will be performed by the

Public Works Department. Mr. Pisano also stated that they have substantially reduced previous bids that they have received; this one is under budget and recommends that it be sent to full council for consideration. Mr. Pisano stated that the pipes have been designed by the company Florence and Hutchinson and will handle the water flow. Mr. Waldrop motioned to push the item to Council for further review and approval; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Waldrop stated that many years ago they did a similar project on a bridge in the Bush River area and it washed out because of rain. Mr. Owens stated that the tributary in question is classified as an intermittent stream; it flows at certain parts of the year and is dry at other parts of the year, depending on the rain. Mr. Owens also stated that it is part of a FEMA special flood hazard area, so there is a flood plain for that tributary. Mr. Owens stated that part of the design for the county was to do a full Hydraulic Analysis, and based off of the analysis, the two pipes will be able to handle the project. Mr. Owens also stated that he would be available to speak with the Council if item was passed to meeting.

7. Public Works Updates – Mike Pisano, Director of Public Works

Mr. Pisano reported to the Committee that Maybinton Ball field is almost ready to open; Public Works has taken steps to get the infield in good shape. Mr. Pisano also stated that the only thing left to do is to get the turf put down, which will be coarse granular substrate that will be mixed with the clay. Mr. Pisano stated that it has been too wet lately but they have rolled the infield with a roller and will till once area dries. Mr. Pisano also stated they repaired a few areas that were eroding and will follow that with hydro seed hopefully within the next week or two. Mr. Cain stated that there were rocks on the field previously and wanted to know would those come off the field. Mr. Pisano stated that they hand raked the rocks and would continue to have a steady up keep of the field so the rocks should not be a problem.

Mr. Pisano reported to the Committee that Public Works is in the process of evaluating the county roads now so that they can set up the Pavement Evaluation System. Mr. Pisano stated that the roads will be classified from worst condition, which will be taken care of first, and so on. Mr. Pisano also stated that the CTC consultant is working with him and they will be presenting a 5 year plan at the next CTC meeting. Mr. Pisano stated that they have already identified a few roads that are in bad shape and will be addressed at the CTC meeting; these roads are Dillinger Rd. and Peninsula Rd. Mr. Adams asked if part of the evaluation system would be how frequently the roads are used. Mr. Pisano stated that population would be one of the final factors, but initially just the condition of the roadways would be evaluated. Mr. Adams stated that every 10-12 years a paved road has to be resurfaced, so we have to ask how many paved roads can the county afford to maintain given what we get from the gas tax. Mr. Waldrop stated that he believes asphalt roads last much longer than tar and gravel roads. Mr. Waldrop also stated that eventually the county may have to implement a tax in order to keep the roads maintained. Mr. Adams stated that there is a 1 cent tax that can be devoted entirely to maintaining roads. Mr. Cain stated that he agreed with user fees, if you are going to use something a lot then it would apply and if you did not use something you would not be penalized. Mr. Stockman asked if Edgewater Shores had been patched yet. Mr. Pisano stated that area will actually need a contractor because it is larger than initially expected and will hopefully be programmed through the CTC. Mr. Waldrop stated that there have been several chicken and turkey farmers that have come into the county within the last few years. Mr. Waldrop also stated that the chicken and

turkey houses are being built on narrow county roads which will eventually cause a problem because these roads are not built for such large trucks and the traffic. Mr. Waldrop stated that they need a plan to make these roads wider and safer. Mr. Pisano stated that in order to have the authority to widen the roads, they would need to get a deed right away. Mr. Cain stated that it was important to discuss the balance between the user's responsibility and the county's responsibility for care of these roads.

8. Other Items

9. Public Comments

10. Adjournment

Mr. Waldrop motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Scott Cain, Chairman

Katherine Derrick, Recorder

APPROVED: