

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY AND COURTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2019**

The Newberry County Council Public Safety and Courts Committee met on Monday, January 28, 2019 in the Conference Room at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, South Carolina.

PRESENT: Kirksey Koon, Chairman
Dr. Harriett Rucker, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Wayne Adams, County Administrator
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Tommy Long, Public Safety Director
Aubrey Horne, Chairman of Board of Rural Fire Control
Laura Kneece, Newberry County Coroner
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

1. Call to Order and Invocation.

Mr. Koon called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. followed by the invocation.

2. Election of Chairman 2019 - Wayne Adams, County Administrator.

Mr. Koon turned the meeting over to Mr. Adams for election of the Chairman for 2019.

Mr. Adams opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Dr. Rucker nominated Mr. Koon as Chairman; second by Mr. Scurry.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Scurry moved that nominations come to a close; second by Dr. Rucker. There being no additional discussion, Mr. Adams declared the nominations closed.

Vote was unanimous to elect Mr. Koon as Chairman for 2019.
Meeting turned over to Mr. Koon.

3. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda.

There being no additions or deletions to the Agenda, motion by Dr. Rucker to adopt agenda as presented; second by Mr. Scurry. There being no further discussion, Mr. Koon called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

4. Approval of October 1, 2018 Minutes.

Motion by Dr. Rucker to approve the minutes as presented; second by Mr. Scurry. There being no discussion, Mr. Koon called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

5. Tommy Long, Public Safety Director.

Mr. Long requested consideration of an ordinance requiring businesses to install KNOX boxes. In case of a fire, this would allow Fire Departments access without waiting for someone to bring a key or the firemen destroying the door to the business. Discussions were held as to costs to businesses and who would have access to the key for each KNOX box.

Mr. Tothacer addressed the committee in further detail as to these issues and requested that the committee obtain additional information before making any decision.

The committee concurred that additional information was needed before reaching a decision.

6. Aubrey Horne, Fire Board Chairman.

Mr. Horne reviewed proposed budget requests from the Board of Fire Control for the 2019-2020 budget. The proposed budget requests total approximately \$1 million.

Discussions were held regarding possible ways to generate funds to assist the Board of Rural Fire Control with the items needed.

7. Public Comments.

No comments from the public,

8. Executive Session,

No Executive Session needed.

9. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mr. Koon declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Kirksey Koon, Chairman

Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

APPROVED:_____

