

**Newberry County Council  
Public Safety and Courts Committee  
Agenda  
Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021– 6:00 p.m.  
Courthouse Annex Council Chambers  
1309 College Street - Newberry, SC**

**The Newberry County Council Public Safety and Courts Committee met on Monday, Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00pm for a regular scheduled meeting in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC.**

**Present: Todd Johnson, Committee Chairman**

**Mary Arrowood, Council Member**

**Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member**

**Tony McDonald, Interim County Administrator**

**Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator**

**Taylor Davenport, Assistant to the Administrator**

**1. Call to Order – Todd Johnson, Chairman**

Todd Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of Agenda**

Motion by Mrs. Arrowood to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Scurry.  
Vote was unanimous.

**3. Approval of April 19, 2021 Minutes**

Motion by Mrs. Arrowood to approve the January 25, 2021 Minutes as presented;  
seconded by Mr. Scurry. Vote was unanimous.

**4. Discussion of the Central Midlands Hazard Mitigation Plan – Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator**

Mr. Long stated that this plan must be updated every 5 years. This needs to be approved to be sent to full Council for approval.

Motion by Mr. Scurry to send to full council; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

**5. Discussion of an Ordinance on billing for certain Fire & Rescue Calls – Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator**

Mr. Long is asking the Committee to consider an ordinance that would allow the Fire and Rescue departments to bill for certain calls. The Hazmat team already charges for the services.

Mr. Daniel Werts with Friendly Fire Department stated that he has responded to several false alarm calls to one plant in 2021. Taking time to answer these calls takes away time and resources from calls that need help. Mr. Werts is interested in Compassionate Billing where they bill the insurance companies.

The Committee request that staff and the County Attorney research the possibility of Compassionate Billing as well as, charging for false alarms and certain calls.

**6. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**7. Comments/Request from Council Members**

No comments from Council Members.

**8. Executive Session (if needed)**

No executive session needed.


**9. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Scurry to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Approved: 6-13-22

  
Todd Johnson, Chairman

  
Taylor Davenport, Asst. to the Administrator