

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2019**

The Newberry County Council Public Works and Planning Committee met on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, South Carolina, for a regular scheduled meeting.

PRESENT: Scott Cain, Chairman
Dr. Harriett Rucker, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Steve Stockman, Council Member
Kirksey Koon, Council Member
Wayne Adams, County Administrator
A.J. Tothacer, Jr., County Attorney
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council
Mike Pisano, Public Works Director
Anne Peters, Zoning Administrator

1. Call to Order.

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda.

There being no additions or deletions to the agenda, Mr. Stockman moved to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Scurry. Vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of April 29, 2019 minutes.

Motion by Mr. Stockman to approve the minutes as presented; second by Mr. Scurry. Vote was unanimous.

4. Request to reduce speed limit to 20 mph on Union School Road - Buffy Wicker, Citizen/Resident.

Although notified, Ms. Wicker failed to appear. After discussion by committee members, the Committee recommended that the speed limit be left at 25 mph. If Ms. Wicker desires to be heard on this, she can request to come before this Committee at some time in the future to offer an explanation as to why the speed limit should be reduced from 25 mph to 20 mph.

5. Public Transportation Update - Lynn Stockman, Director of Newberry County Council on Aging.

Ms. Stockman requested Council continue the Resolution designating the Council on Aging as the public provider for public transportation in Newberry County. This is needed in order for the Newberry County Council on Aging to continue receiving transit funds. Anyone who lives in Newberry County is eligible for transportation, and the Council on Aging runs approximately 18-20 buses per day. If another agency were to get funding, the funds to the Council on Aging would be diminished.

Mr. Cain said there was a Resolution on the books so if Council does nothing they are still designated as the public transportation authority.

Mr. Adams asked what the issues were if more than one agency got that funding and if the funding would be diminished. Ms. Stockman said the funding would be diminished if more than one agency got the funding.

6. Request to authorize The COMET to be an operator of public transportation in Newberry County - John Andoh, Executive Director of Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority.

Mr. Andoh requested a Resolution from Newberry County Council designating The COMET as an authorized public transportation provider into Newberry County for the purpose of providing commuter transit service between Newberry and Little Mountain to Chapin and Columbia. This would not alter or change the existing resolution with the Newberry County Council on Aging. This request simply adds The COMET as another public transit operator for the purpose of providing commuter transit service only.

After discussing the pros and cons of another public transportation provider in Newberry County and the impact of this request on the Newberry County Council on Aging, the

Committee requested that Mr. Adams meet with Mr. Andoh, Ms. Stockman, and a representative from the South Carolina Department of Transportation to obtain additional information and report back to this committee.

7. Proposal to open a flight school at the Newberry County Airport - Taj Troy.
(This presentation is for information purposes only. There is currently no active solicitation for services at the Newberry County Airport.)

Attached hereto and incorporated herein is a copy of Mr. Troy's presentation.

The Committee accepted this as information and advised Mr. Troy that if Newberry County should in the future determine the need for a flight school, the County would have to issue a request for proposal.

8. Discussion of a sticker ID system for users of the waste collection/recycling centers - Mike Pisano, Public Works Director.

Mr. Pisano researched this issue and it would take approximately \$19,000.00 to purchase stickers. The reason for this is to keep people from neighboring counties using our waste collection/recycling centers. Moving the white goods to a central location will help because the collection centers would only receive household trash.

Mr. Pisano felt the cost and inconvenience far outweighed implementation of a sticker system.

The Committee agreed with Mr. Pisano's recommendation to not implement a sticker system.

9. Discussion of making Boyd Amick Road a one-way road - Mike Pisano, Public Works Director.

Mr. Pisano said Boyd Amick Road runs off of State Park Road. It is a very narrow road and in bad shape. Roads are now required to be 15 feet wide and this road would not meet that criteria. There is not enough space to widen it to the 15 feet and make it safe.

Flight School at Newberry

My plan:

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Who:

- Taj Troy
 - 25 years flying experience
- Mil & comm aviation
- 98 USC grad BS/ Webster Univ MBA
- Business experience

What:

- Propel Aviation Academy —
- Wrote business plan for MBA project
- A flight school founded, by former and active military and commercial pilots not businessmen and women
- Light Sport, Private and Commercial training.
- Seek to fill void of negatively advantageous flight programs
- Will cost 15% less or more than big flight training programs (no training fluff, flt instructor oversight built with passion and pride not monetary survival)
- Mentorship by a friend who is director of a University Aviation program
- Domestic and International Flight training in fixed wing aircraft
- Desire to partner with local school to provide aviation program
- Currently partnering with a Colombian Flight school

When/Where:

- Newberry Airport can be cornerstone.
 - Expect to be open within 12 months from go to be airborne
- FAA Part 61 license —
- Staff training —

Flight School at Newberry

- Robust advertising
- Agreements with schools.

Pros of Flight School at Newberry

- Newberry Owner aircraft lease ✓
- local school entrance into aviation training world stage ✓
- airspace class ✓
- small town atmosphere ✓
- low air traffic ✓
- Cost of living
- Weather ✓
- Plus for local economy

Cons of Flight School at Newberry

- More air traffic
- Influx of students to Newberry

Thank you for your consideration.

Taj,

There are several options:

- 1) Make it one-way.
- 2) All property owners located on this road deed a right of way to the county. In order to do this all property owners must be contacted and willing to deed a right of way to the county for the road to be widened to meet the criteria.
- 3) Keep patching the road.

Several residents living on this road were present at the meeting, and the consensus was to make it a one way road.

After discussion, Mr. Cain recommended obtaining an engineering study on the road; second by Mr. Scurry. Vote was unanimous.

10. Public Comments.

No comments from the public.

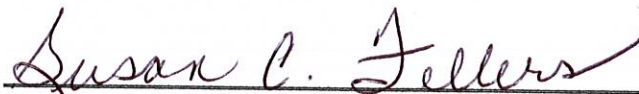
11. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mr. Cain declared the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Scott Cain, Chairman



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Minutes Approved: 10-14-19