

**Newberry County Transportation Committee
Minutes
February 17, 2026**

Present: Mr. Tim Carroll, Mr. Randy Cannon, Mr. Arnold Hiller, Mr. Glenn Hamm, Mr. Harry Werts, and Mr. Travis Grimsley

Absent:

Others in Attendance: Mr. Herb Cooper, Mr. Josh Rowe, Mr. Jeremy Knight, Mr. Chad Hawkins, and Ms. Teresa Ball

Call to Order-Invocation

Mr. Carroll called the meeting to order, and Mr. Hamm led the invitation.

1. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda for February 17, 2026.

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting on February 17, 2026.

Financial Report from Treasurer

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for January 31, 2026, was \$6,463,831.19. Funds received were \$169,167.90. Total withdrawals were \$54,130.27. The total cash balance is \$6,578,868.82. Total funds committed are \$3,555,315.76 and the uncommitted balance is \$3,023,553.06.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.19) was \$974,732.76. Total funds committed are \$974,732.76.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.20) was \$318,000.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.22) was \$3,172,100.00.

Motion made to accept as information only. Motion second and all were in favor.

2. Old Business/New Business

Old Business

Mr. Cannon asked Mr. Cooper if he had any updates on Johnston Street. Mr. Cooper said that it was still in the design phase, but he will continue to check it.

Mr. Cannon asked if there was any update on the bridges. Mr. Rowe said that the last piece of information he received was that they have done the inspections, but the county has not received any cost share data. That is what we need to move forward with figuring out how many bridges we can do. We are waiting for FEMA.

Mr. Cooper said that in 2022 the committee voted to spend \$10,000 on street signs and nothing has been done.

Mr. Hawkins said that the signs have been purchased and they haven't presented the invoice but will check on that.

Mr. Cooper said that in 2021 there was resurfacing of 283, 732, 450, 697, and 914. This is 5 years old. Has this been done and why is it still on the list?

Mr. Knight said that he will check on this.

New Business

3. Public Works Report

A. Josh Rowe - Newberry County Public Works Director

B. Jeremy Knight – SC Department of Transportation

Mr. Knight gave the members a map. He said the roads in green are all the non-federal roads that are approved for resurfacing. The two lists are all of the roads. On the first page, the column in yellow is sorted by pavement quality index. The lowest number being the worst road and are sorted by that order. The scale is 0 to 4. I have highlighted everything that is two and under. A lot of these roads are long and those are the roads that I am going to look at first. We are going to look at the shorter roads so the committee can spread their money around in the county. There are plenty of roads near the lake, Prosperity, a few in the Silverstreet area, Whitmire, Pomaria and Little Mountain. My goal is to ride these roads and prioritize a list for the first meeting in July.

C. Joe Kitchen – City of Newberry Public Works Director

4. Public Comments

Mr. Hawkins said that they are looking at Eureka Street to get the trees removed from the right of way. Mr. Connelly was supposed to check on that.

Mr. Rowe said that he would follow up with Mr. Connelly.

Mr. Hawkins said that they have a new mayor, Mr. Robert Martin. One of his initiatives is to try to get the sidewalks on Church Street, Brown Street and Pine Street.

Mr. Hawkins said that Representative White has put a proposal out to get CTC's more money. He was to remove the 33% that has to be spent on DOT projects. I had to correct him, where he says that all of the money is spent in the county. Most of the money goes back to the DOT, they run the program.

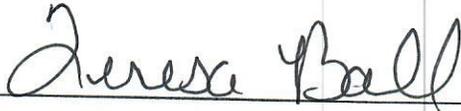
Mr. Hiller asked about Shiloh Street. Mr. Hawkins said that the road needs repair. We would like someone to come out and see what can be done.

5. Executive Session

6. Consideration of Actions on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

7. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn. Motion second and all were in favor.



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Teresa Ball, Newberry County Public Works Approved