

**Newberry County Transportation Committee
Minutes
April 21, 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, Ms. Debbie Cromer, Mr. Ted Luckadoo, Ms. Rebecca Owen, and Ms. Teresa Ball

Call to Order-Invocation

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

1. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda for April 21, 2026.

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

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

Financial Report from Treasurer

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for March 31, 2026, was \$6,712,608.30. Funds received were \$181,279.70. Total withdrawals were \$1,896.94. The total cash balance is \$6,895,784.94. Total funds committed are \$3,317,004.77 and the uncommitted balance is \$3,578,780.17.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.19) was \$866,697.98. Total withdrawals were \$205,652.09. Total funds committed are \$661,045.89.

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

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.22) was \$3,050,222.00. Total funds committed are \$3,050,222.00.

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

2. Old Business/New Business
Old Business

Mr. Rowe said that they have exhausted the \$100,000 that was awarded to public works. We are requesting the additional \$50,000 that was contingent on spending \$100,000. Mr. Rowe asked if he needed to get three quotes like last time.

Mr. Cooper said that he would need to.

Motion made to approve the request, seconded, and approved.

Mr. Carroll said that Pomaria is requesting \$40,000 to convert a road to a grassy area.

Motion made to approve the request, seconded, and approved.

Mr. Knight said he is asking for additional funding for a hot mix project. The committee approved of \$100,000. We are looking at some options regarding how we want to do this work. This will involve us; we are going to borrow a piece of equipment and crew from Greenville maintenance and one from Richland maintenance. One has a paver and one has a milling machine. What we are going to try to do is get them for about one week and do as much as we can. They can do more than \$100,000 worth of hot mix in a week, so I would like to get an additional \$100,000 just to make sure we have enough to keep them busy for a week. The roads that we had picked out for doing this work may have other options on the table for resurfacing those. The roads are reclaimed roads, and they have a good base. Colony Church, Dennis Dairy, St. Luke's Little Egypt and Bethany Road, the triple treatment has exceeded its life cycle. Also issues with the surface of these roads, Colony Church being the worst and about half of Little Egypt. We are looking at resurfacing these two roads. On the other roads we would like to do some in-house patching doing the two-inch mill and fill.

Mr. Hamm asked if that would put a top layer on Colony Church and a few others or just patching trouble areas.

Mr. Knight said that it would only be the trouble areas.

Mr. Carroll said he had taken pictures of Little Egypt and Colony Church Road is the same way. We need to patch it temporarily right now and maybe we can look at paving them in the future.

Mr. Werts said that Dennis Dairy was patched but it didn't do any good.

Mr. Knight said what he would like to do is the in-house milling. I would like to focus on Dennis Dairy and St. Luke's for that and contract out Colony Church Road. We can split it up and do half a year and half another.

Mr. Carroll said that the prices he and Mr. Knight talked about were around \$1.5 million each. We don't want to put strain on the budget.

Mr. Knight said the district office is trying to get something done on Stoney Battery. The bridge on Belfast Road needs to be replaced. They will close it down for about one year, which will have a tremendous impact on Stoney Battery.

Mr. Carroll asked if Stoney Battery was discussed several months ago.

Mr. Hamm said it was.

Mr. Carroll said that it is a federally funded road and it is on your list for three to four years out.

Mr. Knight said it was for the whole road to be done. What I am looking at is which part will impact the detour, and it will be just the first mile.

Mr. Carroll asked how long the road was.

Mr. Knight said it was about 5.5 miles. The district office is looking for some way to fund the whole thing.

Mr. Carroll said they would wait to see what the district can do. I don't want to do anything on a federally funded road.

Mr. Hiller asked if they had heard anything about the state turning over the secondary road to the county.

Mr. Luckadoo said he has had a conversation with about the pending litigation that is going through the house right now. This will be a voluntary takeover of the roads. If the county wants to volunteer to accept any road within their county boundaries or municipalities, they will be happy to take over. The stance of the SCAC is, don't do it.

Mr. Werts asked which road really needs to be done.

Mr. Knight said they have two methods. With the two-inch patching, the priorities are Dennis Dairy and St. Luke's. The roads that I would prioritize for resurfacing is Colony Church and Little Egypt Road.

Motion was made to approve the request for an additional \$100,000, motion second, all approved.

Mr. Carroll said that Whitmire is requesting an additional \$20,000 for gravel and asphalt.

Motion was made to approve the request, motion second, and all approved.

New Business

3. Public Works Report

A. Josh Rowe - Newberry County Public Works Director

Mr. Rowe said that on June 21, 2022, the committee approved funding for Mawson's Way. At the end of the month, we will have spent the \$2.1 million that we had to exhaust prior to the \$5 million. It is not on the inventory as far as projects go. What do we need to do to get a pin number to associate that with?

Mr. Carroll said that they agreed to give \$500,00 per year for three years. You will need to send documentation and any procurement information.

Mr. Row said that pin number 039580 for full depth patching and overlay on Boyd Amick, Ivy Amick and Beaufort Shore Court can be taken off of the report. We are having trouble getting the right-of-way obtained. We don't see this as going forward. \$274,722 will go back to the account.

Mr. Hamm said that a couple of the residents would like to see some work done on Seagull Lane.

Mr. Rowe said he has had some extensive talks with some of the residents. If we try to pave it, it would be an astonishing amount of money. We have talked about doing some full depth patching in some areas. We will get a plan together. There is some action on trying to get something done. We are trying to figure out the best solution.

B. Jeremy Knight – SC Department of Transportation

Mr. Knight said he had one project we are going to submit for information.

Ms. Owen said there is a 24-inch pipe on Mt. Pleasant, State Road 55 in the Maybinton area where water is backing up on the inlet side. The two joints are out of alignment. The integrity of the pipe looks okay. We will have a contractor come in and align the pipe. The estimated cost is \$22,300.

C. Joe Kitchen – City of Newberry Public Works Director

Mr. Kitchen introduced Ms. Taylor, the new assistant city manager.

4. **Public Comments**
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.



Minutes Prepared By:

Teresa Ball, Newberry County Public Works Approved