

**Newberry County Transportation Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**Special Meeting**  
**May 29, 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. Josh Rowe, Ms. Rebecca Owen, 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 May 29, 2026.

**2. Old Business/New Business**  
**Old Business**

Mr. Carroll said that this meeting was to vote on funding for crossline pipe repair on Mt. Pleasant Road.

Mr. Owen said the quote that she has is for \$16,700. It is ready to go. The contractor that will do the repair is going to do their best, as soon as we get the po, to get it in before the end of June. We have already installed a manhole access. We have repaired the alignment issue on the opposite side.

Mr. Grimsley said that if it needs to be repaired to get ahead of the rain like we have had, we need to get it repaired.

Mr. Carroll asked for a motion to approve \$17,000. Motion was seconded and all were in favor.

Mr. Carroll said that Mr. Knight is moving to District One. He will no longer represent SCDOT at the meetings.

Mr. Carroll said that he talked with Mr. Knight about Colony Church Road, Little Egypt Road, and Stoney Battery. We hope to have an estimate at the next meeting. I estimate that it will cost around \$3.5 million. We may be getting back around \$1 million from a project. That will help pay for this project.

Mr. Hamm said that the neighborhood in Seagull Lane needs help.

Mr. Rowe said that he intends to have a request for this at the next meeting. One citizen had an accident on his motorcycle trying to avoid another vehicle that was trying to avoid a pothole. The road is in bad condition. We have held off on any permanent repairs because of the ongoing construction. At this point, one of the subdivisions is complete. We still have one that is ongoing. With the accident we clearly need to do something.

Mr. Rowe said what he intends to do before the next meeting is to get a contractor to go out and give me two estimates. One estimate would be for full-depth patching all of the bad areas. The other would be to pave the road or bad parts of the road. Clearly that would be more expensive.

Mr. Carroll said he didn't think the committee would be able to help with this right now. We need to get the county council to put money into their budget to help with the roads.

Mr. Grimsley asked how much of the damage is from construction.

Mr. Rowe said around 85% to 90%. This was a gravel road at one point. They went over it with asphalt, but they didn't do anything to the base.

Mr. Carroll said he has brought up that the county needs to charge the construction companies.

Mr. Grimsley said that with all of the growth, you need to have the infrastructure to support it.

Mr. Cannon asked if they had heard anything about taking away the 25% compliance for the state.

Mr. Carroll said that the house put it in there. They are going to have \$100 million to \$200 million of one-time money. We should receive around \$1.5 million.

Mr. Rowe asked when it would be best to request the funding for Seagull Lane.

Mr. Carroll said after Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. The county council needs to consider something to protect their roads.

Mr. Hamm said that there needs to be an impact fee. We need to advocate for the citizens.

Mr. Rowe said he should have an estimate at the next meeting.

**New Business**

**3. Public Works Report**

**A. Josh Rowe - Newberry County Public Works Director**

**B. Kip Houston– SC Department of Transportation**

**C. Joe Kitchen – City of Newberry Public Works Director**


**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.



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Teresa Ball, Newberry County Public Works Approved