



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 7, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

**PRESENT:** Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman  
Kirksey Koon, Vice Chairman  
Bill Waldrop, Councilman  
Steve Stockman, Councilman  
Scott Cain, Councilman  
Travis Reeder, Councilman  
Dr. Harriett Rucker, Councilwoman  
Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney  
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council

**MEDIA:** Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Rucker led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

***1. Adoption of Consent Agenda***

Dr. Rucker motioned to adopt the consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Waldrop motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

**3. Newberry County Service Awards**

Chairman Livingston recognized and presented service awards to the following: Scott Cain, County Council – 5 years; Daniel Claytor, Sheriff’s Office – 5 years (absent); Stacy Guy, Recycling Coordinator – 5 years (absent); Chris Wells, Sheriff’s Office – 5 years Wesley Boland, Sheriff’s Office – 25 years; and Carol Lively, Clerk of Court’s Office – 25 years.

**4. Consideration of bids for EMS Ambulance Re-Mount**

Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director, reported that bids were received on January 23, 2018, and the responses were as follows: First Priority Emergency - \$122,900.00; Custom Truck - \$141,818.00; Taylor Made - \$152,336.00; and Fesco Emergency Services - \$157,579.00. She stated that after reviewing, staff would like to recommend the low-bidder, First Priority Emergency, in the amount of \$122,900.00

Mr. Reeder motioned to approve First Priority Emergency in the amount of \$122,900.00; seconded by Dr. Rucker. The vote was unanimous.

**5. Consideration of bids for Town of Silverstreet Auditorium Demolition and New Walking Trail Park (CPST Funded)**

Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director, reported that bids were received on January 9, 2018, with Alliance Consulting Engineers in charge and the following responses were received.

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate 1</u>
Jones Grading & Building, Inc.	\$467,707.50	\$ 78,075.00
MAR Construction Co., Inc.	\$522,213.95	\$144,625.00
Lindler’s Construction of SC, LLC	\$582,165.00	\$150,150.00

She said staff would like to recommend the low bid from Jones Grading & Building, Inc., with a base bid of \$467,707.50 and alternate bid of \$78,075.00 for a total of \$545,782.50.

Dr. Rucker asked if the alternate could be explained.

Mr. Adams responded that the alternate was the picnic shed with the utilities to service the shed. He also stated that staff would recommend a motion to authorize him to execute the contract with the low bidder with any value engineering changes that might reduce the total bid amount.

Mr. Cain asked for clarification that the school was being demolished and not the auditorium as stated in the contract.

Mrs. Waldrop confirmed that the auditorium will not be demolished; only the school.

Vice Chairman Koon motioned to authorize the administrator to execute the contract with the low bidder, Jones Grading & Building, Inc., with any value engineering changes that might reduce the total bid amount; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

## **6. Consideration of bids for Newberry County Museum (CPST Funded)**

Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director, reported that staff received bids on February 6, 2018, and the following responses were received: MAR Construction - \$1,783,700.00; MSK Construction - \$1,877,000.00; Pyramid Contracting - \$1,968,000.00; and Triangle Construction - \$2,364,000.00. She said staff recommends the low bidder, MAR Construction, in the amount of \$1,783,700.00 which is within budget.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve MAR Construction in the amount of \$1,783,700.00; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

## **7. Appointments**

Mr. Cain nominated Ms. Christina Henricks to replace Mike Brown's expired at-large seat on the Joint Planning Commission; seconded by Vice Chairman Koon. The vote was unanimous.

## **8. Committee Reports**

Tommy Long, Emergency Services Director, reported that the Public Safety and Courts Committee met on January 22, 2018 and stated that Mr. Koon was re-elected as chairman of the committee. He said community citizens were present to share their concerns about the ambulance relocation from Whitmire to the Indian Creek Substation. The committee received an update on the well installation at Stoney Hill and that it was in the process of being completed.

Mr. Long continued his report by providing members of Council with some maps of the coverage areas concerning the ambulance relocation. He compared the current service area to the Indian Creek location and stated that at least half or more of the current coverage area is outside of our county. Mr. Long provided stats that supported the relocation which would even out the call volume and increase the percentage of coverage area for the four ambulances in the county. He said the plan is to have the ambulance at Indian Creek on call 24 hours which will give Whitmire 24-hour coverage with a response time of 8-10 minutes depending on the location.

## **9. Public Comments (by those who signed up at the meeting)**

Chairman Livingston invited Michael Thomas to the podium.

Michael Thomas thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and stated that he attended the committee meeting but had to leave due to his father's health. He said he was speaking tonight on behalf of the Town of Whitmire, Town Council, and the citizens of Whitmire. Mr. Thomas presented a recap of the history between the Town of Whitmire and the county's efforts to improve emergency services facilities and the housing of equipment in Whitmire. The final decision was made to renovate the Old Armory to house rescue squad, EMS, County Sheriff's Office and a community center. He said their goal all along was to have 24-hour ambulance service. They were told it could not be guaranteed but having a better facility might give them a better opportunity. He questioned the money spent to upfit the Armory to then relocate the

ambulance elsewhere. The citizens of Whitmire are discouraged because they were not informed of the ambulance relocation until the last minute; no one from the county came a Town Council meeting to tell us what you were looking at. Mr. Thomas shared that the clear majority of the 3,500 citizens in Whitmire are elderly and sickly and he was concerned about response times. He shared with Council a petition signed by citizens of Whitmire against relocating the ambulance to Indian Creek. He also emailed the petition to Councilman Cain.

Chairman Livingston invited Sharon McClanahan to the podium.

Ms. McClanahan responded that Mr. Thomas covered everything she wanted to say.

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

No executive session.

**11. *Comments/Request from County Administrator***

Mr. Adams shared that last May we were in Korea visiting a washing machine factory and today it has been replicated right here in Newberry County.

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

Dr. Rucker commented that she attended the Chamber of Commerce breakfast yesterday and was very proud of our County Administrator's performance and applauded him on a good job.

Mr. Reeder asked for prayers for the family of Joe Brown at his passing; he was the brother in law of former council member John Caldwell. He also wished all ladies in Newberry County a great Valentine's Day.

Vice Chairman Koon remembered Michael Thomas's father who passed away. He was a retired fire chief and served on Town Council. Mr. Koon also recognized the passing of Glenn Hamm from Prosperity who served as Mayor of Prosperity at one time and served as a State Highway Commissioner and was on the board of the County Transportation Committee.

**13. *Future Meetings***

- a. County Council Work Session 2/12/18 @ 7:00 p.m.
- b. County Council 2/21/18 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee 2/26/18 @ 6:00 p.m.

**13. *Adjournment***

Chairman Livingston adjourned the meeting @ 7:33 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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**Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council**