



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA
August 21, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order: Todd Johnson, Chairman
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Newberry County Council Work Session – August 7, 2024.
 - b. Newberry County Council Meeting – August 7, 2024.

2. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of the Agenda.

3. Recognitions:
 - a. Employee Service
 - i. Shanta Samuel 10 years Sheriff's Office
 - ii. Brian Smith 10 years Sheriff's Office
 - iii. Janice Allen 25 years Clerk to Court

4. Resolution No 06-24. A Resolution endorsing Newberry County's application for funding through a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program.

5. Ordinance No. 08-01-2024. An Ordinance authorizing the County of Newberry to sell real property identified as TMS 290-11 and described in Invitation for Bid No. 2024-4.
 - a. Public Hearing
 - b. Second Reading

6. Consideration and Approval of a Proposal for the Court House Network Cabling, a 2022 CPST Project (RFP Number 2024-3).

7. County Council may take action(s) on matters discussed during the 5:00 pm meeting.

8. Appointments.
 - a. Board of Zoning Appeals – District 6.
 - b. Building, Fire and Nuisance Codes Board of Appeals – Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

9. Public Comments.

10. Comments/Requests from County Administrator.

11. Comments/Requests from Council.

12. Future meetings:
 - a. Newberry County Finance Committee – August 26 at 6 p.m.
 - b. Labor Day – September 2 – Offices Closed
 - c. Newberry County Council Work Session – September 4 at 5 p.m.
 - d. Newberry County Council – September 4 at 6 p.m.
 - e. Newberry County Council Work Session – September 18 at 5 p.m.
 - f. Newberry County Council – September 18 at 6 p.m.

13. Adjournment.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MINUTES
August 7, 2024**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 5:01 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a Work Session.

Notice of the meeting was duly advertised, as required by law.

PRESENT: Todd Johnson, Chairman
Robert Shealy, Vice-Chairman
Leon Fulmer, Council Member
Les Hipp, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Karl Sease, Council Member
Jeff Shacker, County Administrator
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director
Eric Nieto, I.T. Director
Scott Sawyer, Special Projects Coordinator

ABSENT: Travis Reeder, Council Member

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

1. Discussion of the South Carolina Community Development Block Grant program and the possible submission of a funding request in September 2024.
 - Mr. Shacker said the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has been beneficial to Newberry County in particular, the City of Newberry and Town of Whitmire have utilized the grant to benefit the community. A variety of projects can be completed

utilizing the grant, both Whitmire and Newberry have used the grant with rehabbing their water and sewer and improvements in their downtown areas. Newberry County Government is also eligible to utilize the grant.

- Mr. Shacker said they have the ability to have two grants at one time, adding there is a threshold requirement, and they cannot exceed the threshold. However, he said the county is limited in where they can use those funds as this is HUD money that is distributed to the states, and the S.C. Department of Commerce is distributing the funds as a competitive grants program. The funds can only be used to benefit low- and moderate-income communities and or direct beneficiaries that are low and moderate income. To qualify, your household income levels can be no greater than 80% of the county median household income. Unless you qualify at the community level, which has to be 51% or greater low- and moderate-income.
- Mr. Shacker asked how receptive council would be to submitting a request for an application.
- Mr. Shealy asked if it were something the county would not have to take, if they are awarded, to which Mr. Shacker said no, you would not have to accept. Mr. Shealy also asked if there is a timeline that must be followed for a project to be completed, if the county got the grant; Mr. Shacker said they'd have 24 months, but they can request an extension.
- Mr. Shacker said the concept staff would propose to council, and staff has discussed this with the Town of Whitmire, would be to create a connection with the sidewalks, additional parking, lighting, some landscaping, running from Market Street down to Glenn, connection along Gilliam and tie in with the Gary Street project the county is currently doing. The town has interest in pursuing funding to renovate the local community center.
- Mr. Johnson said his first concern before they started any discussions with the CDBG was if they go in Whitmire and do something and not in other municipalities, the grant statistics really only allow in Whitmire. He and Mr. Shacker had a

conversation with the Whitmire mayor, and the town would have to be part of that match, as well. Mr. Johnson said the CTC did the match for the sidewalk project for the county, and maybe they would fund the match again.

- Mr. Fulmer asked if these are state roads, to which Mr. Johnson answered in the affirmative.
- Mr. Johnson reiterated if the county looks into this, and they are awarded the grant but everyone else says no, the county can decline.
- Mr. Sease asked what the percentage match is; Mr. Shacker said it is a 90/10 match with a maximum of \$750,000.
- Mr. Shacker said staff thought this was a great opportunity to connect all these key facilities downtown and connect to the current projects.
- Mr. Shealy said he thinks it is a great idea.
- Mr. Johnson said it seems unanimous to go ahead and do the investigation and ask for the application and move forward from there. Mr. Shacker said they will go ahead and get an estimate of the cost of the project and request the application. The application, if awarded, would be due in late September and the county would need to pass a resolution committing to the local match.

2. Discussion of the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission and the possible submission of a request for funding through the SCRC's Competitive Grants program.

- Mr. Shacker said, regarding the CPST amphitheater project, a benefit to the project – to which the City of Newberry agrees – would be to establish some physical connections with Caldwell and McKibben streets. The thought was to shave some of the expenses off the CPST project and cover them with the grant. However, they discovered CDBG is not available for the City of Newberry, due to income levels.

- There is a new entity, Southeast Crescent Regional Commission, with a grant program that they awarded projects a few weeks ago. Mr. Shacker said a few of those projects were streetscapes, like they are discussing around the amphitheater. He said the grant would be less than CDBG and they may not be able to do both McKibben and Caldwell, but if council is comfortable staff can make plans to address Caldwell Street. He said the concept they discussed with the City of Newberry would be paving the street, installing a very wide sidewalk, decorative lights, street trees, and some electrical work.
- Mr. Shealy asked if this grant was an 80/20, Mr. Shacker said he thinks this one is also 90/10.
- Mr. Hipp said that would more than offset the savings from CPST, Mr. Shealy asked if the City of Newberry would help with the match, to which Mr. Shacker said the city seemed receptive.
- Mr. Hipp said the amphitheater is a joint project between the city and county, and although Caldwell Street is a state-owned street, that will be a major access to the amphitheater and anything they can do there to help.
- Mr. Johnson complimented Mr. Shacker on the information he was able to provide the council on these grants and the vision to see the need and where to apply it. Mr. Shealy added anytime you can find free money, they'll take it.
- Mr. Shacker said they would come back to council before they move forward with the grant.

3. Executive Session:

a. Contractual Matter(s):

- i. Discussion of matters related to the sale of real estate pursuant to SC Code of Laws Section 30-4-70(a)(2).
 - Mr. Sease made a motion to go into Executive Session; Mr. Shealy provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

- Newberry County Council went into Executive Session at 5:27 p.m.
- Mr. Shealy made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:59 p.m.; Mr. Sease provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

4. Adjournment.

- Mr. Sease made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Hipp provided the second and the motion carried 6-0 at 6:00 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Todd Johnson, Chairman

Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: _____

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 7, 2024**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

Notice of the meeting was duly advertised, as required by law.

PRESENT: Todd Johnson, Chairman
Robert Shealy, Vice-Chairman
Leon Fulmer Jr., Council Member
Les Hipp, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Karl Sease, Council Member
Jeff Shacker, County Administrator
Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator
Captain Ben Chapman, NCSO
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director
Eric Nieto, I.T. Director
Scott Sawyer, Special Projects Coordinator

ABSENT: Travis Reeder, Council Member

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Johnson led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance for Mr. Reeder who was out sick.

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda:

- a. Newberry County Council Work Session – July 17, 2024.
- b. Newberry County Council Meeting – July 17, 2024.
- c. Newberry County Economic Development Committee – July 22, 2024.

- Mr. Hipp made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mr. Fulmer provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

2. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of the Agenda.

- Mr. Sease made a motion to accept the agenda as published; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

3. Public Appearance:

- a. Lorie Graham, Newberry Area Business Consultant, S.C. Small Business Development Centers

- Ms. Graham said their mission is to advance South Carolina economic development by helping small businesses to succeed. One of the ways they do that is by offering tools that small business owners may not otherwise be available to get, such as Vertical IQ. They also help with business plans and helping businesses with lenders and getting with banks and attorney referrals. She said the services they offer help businesses with areas such as marketing, web design, HR operations, etc. They also have specialists that can assist small business owners.
- Mr. Sease asked if there is a limit to the number of employees; Ms. Graham said no, there is no minimum number, and they help businesses that have up to 500 employees.
- Mr. Hipp asked if Ms. Graham knows Mr. Rick Farmer, Newberry County Economic Development director. Ms. Graham said she does, and he recommended she come before Newberry County Council. Mr. Hipp said he thinks that is good as she looks at helping small businesses and Mr. Farmer works to take care of large industries,

but sometimes small businesses support large businesses. Mr. Hipp said it would be good for them to continue to work together.

4. Ordinance No. 06-02-2024. An Ordinance establishing a Building, Fire and Nuisance Codes Board of Appeals for the County of Newberry, S.C.

a. Third Reading

- Mr. Johnson said once ratified, at the next meeting (August 21, 2024) they will make their appointments to the newly established board.
- Mr. Hipp made a motion to accept third reading; Mr. Sease provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

5. Ordinance No. 08-01-2024. An Ordinance authorizing the County of Newberry to sell real property identified as TMS 290-11 and described in Invitation for Bid No. 2024-4.

a. First Reading

- Mr. Shealy made the motion to approve first reading; Mr. Hipp provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

6. County Council may take action(s) on matters discussed during the 5:00 pm meeting.

- There was no action taken.

7. Appointments.

a. Board of Zoning Appeals – District 6.

- Mr. Scurry will make an appointment at the next meeting.
- b. Joint Planning Commission – District 5
 - Mr. Hipp made a motion to appoint Mr. Jack Shields; Mr. Shealy provided the second and the motion was approved 6-0.

8. Public Comments.

- There were no public comments.

9. Comments/Requests from County Administrator.

- Mr. Shacker said the county's CPST projects are well underway, and they've been having meetings with project architects.
- Mr. Shacker said they have a number of grant funded projects, including three in Lynch's Woods, and the CDBG project in Whitmire for sidewalks.

10. Comments/Requests from Council.

- Mr. Sease thanked everyone for coming out and appreciates everyone for attending the meetings.
- Mr. Hipp recognized Mr. Stuart Smith, who is running unopposed to fill his seat once he retires at the end of the year and he is sure he will leave it in ample hands. Mr. Hipp then asked Mr. Shacker for an update on the emergency services vehicles that were out of service because they were getting worked on.
 - Mr. Shacker said there was a good bit of step-up work by the company the county contracts with for vehicle maintenance and he knows they have made headway, and he knows the ambulances are back on the road.
 - Mr. Hipp would also like to know an update on getting backup services for repairs. Mr. Shacker said they have met with those they contract with to establish a plan.

- Mr. Fulmer thanked everyone for coming out and taking part in county government. Mr. Fulmer said they had a firetruck they were in the process of getting purchased and asked Mr. Shacker where they were with that.
 - Mr. Shacker said they have issued the purchase order, and confirmed the deal has been sealed. He added they have a tanker that needs to be replaced and they have the amount of the insurance claim in, and they will keep council posted but the cost of the truck will exceed the insurance claim.
 - Mr. Sease said he went to a meeting last night and they have a couple of trucks coming down the line that they will be able to order instead of waiting a few years.
- Mr. Shealy thanked everyone for coming out and told Mr. Shacker excellent job going out and finding opportunities and his vision he has for the county is excellent and they appreciate all he is doing and will do.
- Mr. Johnson said happy birthday to Mr. Wigger, who they let have the evening off. He told Mr. Stuart Smith it was a blessing to have him with them tonight and he has some huge shoes to fill, and he looks forward to working with him. Mr. Johnson commended Mr. Shacker for the vision and balancing of those projects and not losing focus on one project for another and that is a blessing for Newberry County.

11. Future meetings:

- a. Newberry County Council Work Session – August 21 at 5 p.m.
- b. Newberry County Council – August 21 at 6 p.m.
- c. Newberry County Finance Committee – August 26 at 6 p.m.
- d. Labor Day – September 2 – Offices Closed
- e. Newberry County Council Work Session – September 4 at 5 p.m.
- f. Newberry County Council – September 4 at 6 p.m.

12. Adjournment

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Fulmer provided the second and the motion carried 6-0 at 6:19 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Todd Johnson, Chairman

Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: _____

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of the County of Newberry, in Council duly assembled this 4th day of September 2024 that:

The Council does hereby authorize the sale of the Property, described in Invitation for Bid Number 2024-4, which is attached as Exhibit "A", to the highest bidder as awarded by Council at its meeting on July 17, 2024, and upon such terms and conditions described in the advertised Invitation for Bid and through an Agreement of Purchase, which is attached as Exhibit "B". Both Exhibits are incorporated herein by reference. This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by the Council on the date of final reading approval.

BY: _____
Todd Johnson, Chairman

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Approved as to form:

Joanie Winters, Interim County Attorney

Jeff Shacker, County Administrator

1st Reading:	August 7, 2024
2nd Reading:	August 21, 2024
Public Hearing:	August 21, 2024
3rd Reading:	September 4, 2024

**Newberry County
Administration**

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Agenda Item Briefing

Subject: CPST Cabling Project Courthouse

Prepared By: Eric Nieto, Crystal Waldrop, Jeff Shacker

Department/Division: Information Technology

Legal Review: No

Finance Review: YES

Administrator Review: YES

Requested meeting: Committee County Council

Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date Prepared: 8/15/2024

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Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2024

FIDUCIARY:

Are funds allocated in the department’s current fiscal year budget? Yes No

If NO, is a budget amendment necessary? Yes No

STAFF’S RECOMMENDED ACTION: To award Lewis Communications for the RFP cabling portion of the courthouse CPST project.

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER: This project falls well under budget.


SUMMARY DISCUSSION: Though several of the vendors that responded graded well with similar years of experience, references and understanding of scope, Lewis Communications scored much higher in their cost proposal which gave them the highest total score.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

ATTACHMENTS: Evaluation of Network cabling vendors excel score sheet

2024-3: Chourhouse Network Cabling (2022 CPST)			
Evaluation Sheet			
Vendor	Nieto	Waldrop	Total
AKA Comp Solutions	62	64	63
Digilink Solutions Consulting	59	61	60
Encore	61	60	61
H-Tek Networks LLC	51	55	53
Lewis Communications LLC	69	75	72
Palmetto Cabling Solutions	65	65	65
Platypus Network and Cabling	65	68	67
Prologic ITS	60	60	60
PSM Investments LLC	54	53	54
T&T Technology LLC	53	56	55
WePullCable LLC	64	66	65

Committee

	Understanding of Scope	Documented Experience	References	Cost Proposal	Total
Vendor	25	25	25	25	100
AKA Comp Solutions	16	15	14	17	62
Digilink Solutions Consulting	16	13	13	17	59
Encore	20	18	17	6	61
H-Tek Networks LLC	16	11	9	15	51
Lewis Communications LLC	16	15	15	23	69
Palmetto Cabling Solutions	23	16	16	10	65
Platypus Network and Cabling	23	15	15	12	65
Prologic ITS	18	18	17	7	60
PSM Investments LLC	18	16	11	9	54
T&T Technology LLC	20	18	13	2	53
WePullCable LLC	18	15	14	17	64
					
Eric Nieto IT Director					