

**2022  
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX  
MASTER PLAN  
FOR  
NEWBERRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**



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## I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc. was retained by Newberry County in November 2021 to assist with the completion of the Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) Master Plan. The purpose of the Master Plan is to provide members of the CPST Commission and the Citizens of Newberry County the documentation that sound planning and budgeting were completed for each project proposed on the referendum planned for November 2022. This was done in the best interest of the County to improve the quality of life in Newberry County. The Capital Project Sales Tax Master Plan serves as a document that will be inclusive of all parts of the County and present a clear and concise account of capital improvement projects within Newberry County.

### A. INTRODUCTION

In November 2022, the citizens of Newberry County will vote to approve or not approve the introduction of the One-Cent Capital Project Sales Tax. If successful this will be the forth (4<sup>th</sup>) duration for the Capital Projects Sales Tax Program in Newberry County. 2022 marks the twenty-fourth (24<sup>th</sup>) year that the One-Cent Capital Sales Tax has been allowed in South Carolina. It has been proven successful in many other counties throughout the state that have been impacted by the recent economic times to help improve the quality of life of its respective residents. The proposed ballot (Appendix I) identifies twelve (12) county wide projects that were screened, voted on, and selected by the locally appointed Sales Tax Commission. For the purposes of this Master Plan, the projects have been categorized as follows:

- Emergency Services
- Utility
- Renovations/Upfits
- Recreational

The projected revenue to be generated by the Newberry County Sales Tax provides the County with a unique opportunity to accelerate the development of a significant number of capital improvements throughout the community over a relatively short period of time.



**B. CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX FORM OF BALLOT**

Appendix I contains a complete copy of the official Form of Ballot "Official Ballot, Referendum One Percent Sales and Use Tax. The referendum in which such ballot will be presented to the electors of Newberry County is scheduled to be held on November 8, 2022.

If the ballot question, which also contains the one (1) percent sales tax, is approved, Newberry County may issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$37,047,070 to cover the costs of the projects listed in the ballot question. The projects must be funded from projects one (1) through twelve (12) as listed in the ballot question.

**C. MASTER PLAN MISSION STATEMENT**

Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc. have provided Newberry County with the planning, engineering and architectural services necessary to develop a concise and achievable implementation plan which will serve as the foundation for the advancement of twelve (12) projects that comprise the local One Percent Sales Tax Program.

**Newberry County**

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**D. REPORT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

Five (5) step approach to report development:

1. Review available sales tax support documentation (scopes, estimates, and schedules) provided by each Project Representative.
2. Conduct on-site observations, interview Mayors, eligible public entity lenders, and County Council Representatives, photograph projects, generate field notes, and gather available local documentation pertaining to future project development.
3. Develop planning level scope of services for each project.
4. Develop and / or review planning level cost opinions, and schedules for each project.
5. Generate a master plan report that documents the results of Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc.'s efforts and outline an implementation plan for the life of the sales tax program.

**E. DATA GATHERING PROCESS / PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE**

In order to obtain funding from the Capital Project Sales Tax program, entities are required to provide reliable cost estimates and other critical information concerning their project proposals. Failure to provide this information may cause the project submission to be determined ineligible by the Commission. In order to be considered eligible, projects proposals must be accompanied by a completed Project Questionnaire and Submission Checklist, and a cover letter from the qualifying entity complete with a signature acknowledging its content.

**1. Project Description**

(A) In general terms, describe the intent of the project, including the program(s) to be associated with it, population(s) to be served by it, and its intended geographic location.

(B) Cite the specific portion of Code Section 4-10-330 (A)(1) of the *South Carolina Code of Laws* under which the project qualifies for CPST funding.



**2. Site Acquisition and Preparation Budgeting**

- (A) Provide plats and/or tax maps of all property involved. Include a preliminary engineered drawing indicating the proposed locations of all structures associated with the project, including buildings, interior roadways, turning lanes, parking lots, utilities, etc.
- (B) Who owns the property required to undertake the project? Indicate the property owner's willingness to sell and terms of sale, including purchase price, for providing the property for this project. If the property is not owned by the sponsoring entity, provide a suitable purchase option that will guarantee the property's purchase price and availability for the project. Purchase options must also include a due diligence period to assess any geotechnical or environmental concerns.
- (C) Demonstrate all access points to be used by the public in utilizing the project. Will vehicular access by the public require encroachment permits, turning lanes, etc.? If so, demonstrate approval by the appropriate agency, e.g., County, South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT).
- (D) List all utilities, i.e., water, wastewater, electricity, natural gas, storm sewerage etc., needed to serve the project. Verify through utility providers sufficient capacity and willingness to serve the project. What costs will the project incur in connecting to the required utilities?
- (E) Demonstrate the topography of the property and provide cost estimates for all clearing, grading, drainage, permits and other site preparation expenses associated with the project.
- (F) Has a Phase One Environmental Site Assessment been completed for the property/project? (The CPST Commission highly recommends investment in a Phase One assessment.) If so, please list any environmental costs associated with developing the property for this project, and indicate what source(s) of funding will pay for these items. Does the submitting qualified entity acknowledge that it will be responsible for any cost overruns related to expenses of this kind?
- (G) Is the land use associated with the proposed project allowed under current land use/zoning restrictions? Do any existing covenants, easements, setbacks, or other restrictions prevent the proposed use? What provisions are being made to overcome any prohibitions in this regard? Describe the prevailing land uses in the general area and on adjacent parcels. Would the proposed use create any negative spillover effects, such as light, noise, traffic, parking, etc.?



- (H) Estimate the number of persons and the number of vehicles that will be on or in the general vicinity of the property at times of peak usage.
- (I) Describe the capacity of the property to accommodate future expansions of the intended use.

**3. Construction Planning and Budgeting**

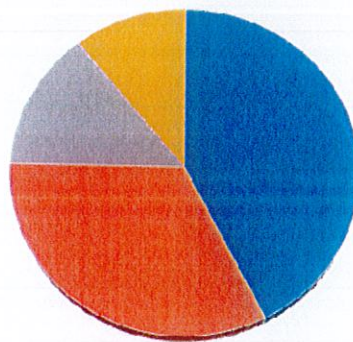
- (A) Describe the structures to be built/renovated on the property, construction type, estimated cost per square foot, and total construction cost.
- (B) Estimate costs for engineering/design and construction management.
- (C) Provide cost estimates for exterior lighting, fencing, security systems, utility connections, fiber/connectivity, landscaping, and any other similar services that may apply.
- (D) Provide cost estimates for furnishings, computers, equipment, appliances, etc.
- (E) If the voters approve the CPST referendum and funding is made available, when do you anticipate design work for this project beginning, and how long will it take to complete the design work? When would construction commence, and how long will it take to complete construction?



**F. PROJECT DISTRIBUTION**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Requested Budget</u>
Emergency Services	2	\$15,750,000
Utility	1	\$5,154,500
Renovations/Upfits	5	\$4,031,745
Recreational	4	\$12,110,825
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$37,047,070</b>

Project Breakdown



■ Emergency Services ■ Recreation ■ Utility ■ Renovation/Upfit





II. GENERAL PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT LIST

Project Number	Description	Funding Requested
1	Newberry County Public Safety Complex	\$ 7,750,000
2	City of Newberry Recreational Complex Improvements	\$ 3,295,000
3	Town of Prosperity Parks Improvements	\$ 3,150,000
4	Newberry County Detention Center New Cell Block Building and Upgrades to Support Facilities	\$ 8,000,000
5	Town of Little Mountain Reunion Park Improvements	\$ 2,015,825
6	Downtown Newberry Amphitheater/Pavilion	\$ 3,650,000
7	Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority's Cannon's Creek Wastewater Facility Upgrades and Expansion	\$ 5,154,500
8	Old Gallman High School Partial Renovation Project/Community Center	\$ 1,450,000
9	Newberry County Courthouse IT/Security Improvements	\$ 295,000
10	Newberry Museum Roof Replacement and HVAC Improvements	\$ 815,000
11	Town of Pomaria Old Pomaria School Community Center Improvements	\$ 671,745
12	Town of Whitmire City Gym Improvements	\$ 800,000



**Project Number:** 1

**Municipality:** Newberry County

**Project 1:** Newberry County Public Safety Complex

**Category:** Emergency Services

**Requested Funding:** \$7,750,000



*Newberry County Emergency Services*

**Project Description:** The proposed facility is for the construction of a consolidated Fire and Emergency Services facility and Public Safety Headquarters facility to be located at 2301 Adelaide Street.

**Scope Elements:** Demolition of existing buildings, construction of 4-bay Fire Services Building, Public Safety Headquarters, 4-bay Rescue Services Building, CDL Training Grounds and associated parking.

**Estimate of Costs:**

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$9,600,000

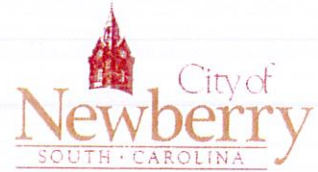
- *Please see supplemental information for detailed cost estimate breakdown*



**Project Number:** 2

**Municipality:** City of Newberry

**Project 2:** City of Newberry Recreational Complex



**Category:** Recreational

**Requested Funding:** \$3,295,000

**Project Description:** The City of Newberry is looking to build upon the recent success of the City of Newberry Recreational Complex by providing additional amenities as the existing Facility located south of the City of Newberry.



**Scope Elements:** The proposed improvements include expansion of the Existing Splash Pad, Cabin Driveway and Parking Improvements, Hidden Lake Dock and Nature Area, Connector Sidewalk and Natural Trail, Additional Shelters, Skate Park, Playground Addition, Shade Structures, Maintenance Access Drive and Maintenance Building, Additional Restroom Facilities, and a Miracle Field. It is proposed that proceeds from the CPST will fund a portion of these projects and the balance will be funded by the City of Newberry

**Estimate of Costs:**

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$4,085,000

*Please see supplemental information for detailed cost estimate breakdown*



**Project Number:** 3

**Sponsoring Entity:** Town of Prosperity



**Project 3:** Recreational Complex Improvements

**Category:** Recreational

**Requested Funding:** \$3,150,000

**Project Description:** The project consists of improvements to the Town of Prosperity Parks consisting of Town Center Park, North Main Street Park, Town Center Complex, US Highway 76 Park, Langford Street Park, and Town Square.

**Scope Elements:** The scope of this project includes Barrier Fence, Brick Column Signage, Lighting, Playground Equipment, Picnic Tables, Bleachers, Concessions Equipment, Parking Improvements, Restroom Facilities, Field Goal Improvements, Water and Wastewater Improvements, Field Lighting, Walking Trails, Gazebo, and Pavers.

**Estimate of Costs:**

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$3,440,000

*Please see supplemental information for detailed cost estimate breakdown*



**Project Number:** 4

**Sponsoring Entity:** County of Newberry

**Project 4:** Detention Center Renovations



**Category:** Emergency Services

**Requested Funding:** \$8,000,000

**Project Description:** The project consists of the construction of a New 13,000 SF Maximum Security Cell and modifications of the existing Detention Center Support Facilities

**Scope Elements:** The scope of this project includes construction of approximately 13,000 square foot Maximum Security Cell Facility and improvements to the existing facility safety and housing areas.

**Estimate of Costs:**

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$11,600,000

*Please see supplemental information for detailed cost estimate breakdown*



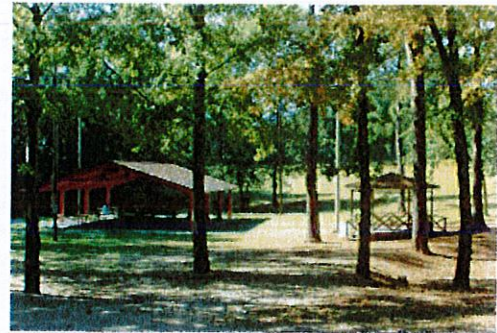
**Project Number:** 5

**Sponsoring Entity:** Town of Little Mountain

**Project 5:** Reunion Park Improvements

**Category:** Recreation

**Requested Funding:** \$2,015,825



**Project Description:** The Town of Little Mountain is proposing improvements to Renovation Park to include Entrance Improvements, Shelters, Restrooms, Walking Trails, Pavilion and Stages, and BBQ House Improvements

**Scope Elements:** The scope of work to be performed will include the following:

- Project 1 – Park Entrance
  - Resurface Walking Trail (Asphalt)
  - Landscaping
  - Outlets for lighting
  - Park Wi-Fi
  - Playground Equipment
  - Seating Walls
  - Entrance Signage
- Project 2 – Walking Trail and Pavilion
  - Renovate Pavilion
  - Pet Waste Stations
  - Convert old stage to storage area
  - Walking Trail
- Project 3 – Renovate BBQ Smokehouse and Restrooms
  - Restrooms
  - Renovate Smokehouse
  - Resurface Walking Path (Asphalt)
  - Landscaping and Irrigation
- The project for the Amphitheatre was been removed from consideration.



**Estimate of Costs:**

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$2,456,644



**Project Number:** 6

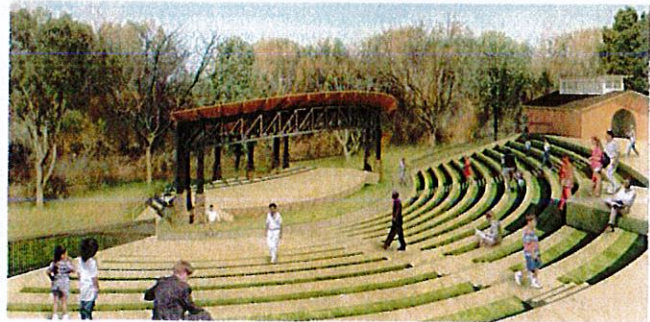
**Sponsoring Entity:** Newberry County and City of Newberry



**Project 6:** Downtown Amphitheatre

**Category:** Recreation

**Requested Funding:** \$3,650,000



**Project Description:** The City of Newberry and Newberry County are joining sponsoring the proposed Downtown Amphitheatre in the City of Newberry. The project is proposed to be located between McKibben Street and Caldwell Street along Scotts Creek.

**Scope Elements:** The proposed project will include the following elements:

- Amphitheatre
- Purchase and Renovation of Existing Building to serve as Community Building
- Stage Lighting and Sound Equipment
- Perimeter Fencing
- Outdoor Terraced Seating
- Landscaping

**Estimate of Costs:**

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$3,650,000

*Please see supplemental information for detailed cost estimate breakdown*





**Project Number:** 7

**Sponsoring Entity:** Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority



**Project 7:** Cannon's Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion

**Category:** Utility

**Requested Funding:** \$5,154,500

**Project Description:** Update and Expansion of the Cannon's Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant to increase the treatment capacity from 0.9 million Gallons per Day to 1.5 Million Gallons Per Day

**Scope Elements:** The upgrade and expansion improvements are proposed to include:

- Influent Screening Improvements
- Grit Removal System
- SCADA System
- Sludge Dewatering and Handling
- Sludge Digester Aeration Addition
- Alkalinity Chemical Addition
- SBR Basin Aeration Addition
- Chlorine Contact Chamber
- Aerobic Digester
- Phosphorus Removal System
- Additional SBR Treatment Basin



**Estimate of Costs:**

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$5,154,560

*Please see supplemental information for detailed cost estimate breakdown*





**Project Number:** 8

**Sponsoring Entity:** Newberry County and the City of Newberry



**Project 8:** Gallman Place Renovations

**Category:** Renovation/Upfit

**Requested Funding:** \$1,450,000

**Project Description:** Renovation and Upfit for portions of Gallman High School for the use as a Community Center to be known as Gallman Place

**Scope Elements:** Phase I Improvements for the Renovation of the Former Gallman High School. The areas of focus for the Phase I Improvements include the Gymnasium, Library, Restrooms, and five (5) previous classrooms/offices. The improvements are proposed to include:

- Asbestos Remediation
- Electrical Panel Upgrades
- Classroom Renovations (up to 4,000 SF)
- Restroom Renovations (up to 1,500 SF)
- Kitchen and Pantry Improvements (update to 1,200 SF)
- Office Improvements (up to 1,200 SF)
- Cafeteria Improvements (up to 1,900 SF)
- Roof repairs
- Exterior Painting
- Landscaping

**Estimate of Costs:**

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$1,450,000



*Please see supplemental information for detailed cost estimate breakdown*



**Project Number:** 9

**Sponsoring Entity:** Newberry County

**Project 9:** County Courthouse IT Improvements

**Category:** Renovation/Upfit

**Requested Funding:** \$295,000

**Project Description:** The existing courthouse IT system is outdated, insufficient ventilation, insufficient security access, and insufficient repair space.

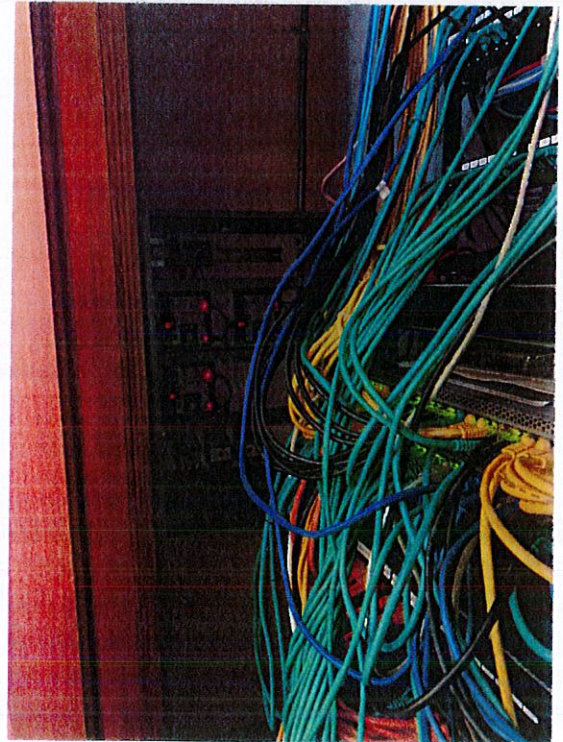
**Scope Elements:** The proposed improvements will include:

- Relocation of equipment to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- Design of New Network System
- New Equipment (Racks, Switch Gear, Wiring, Termination Hardware)
- Building Renovations for housing the equipment
- Testing and Commission of Equipment

**Estimate of Costs:**

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$295,000

*Please see supplemental information for detailed cost estimate breakdown*



**Project Number:** 10



**Sponsoring Entity:** Newberry County

**Project 10:** County Courthouse IT Improvements

**Category:** Renovation/Upfit

**Requested Funding:** \$815,000

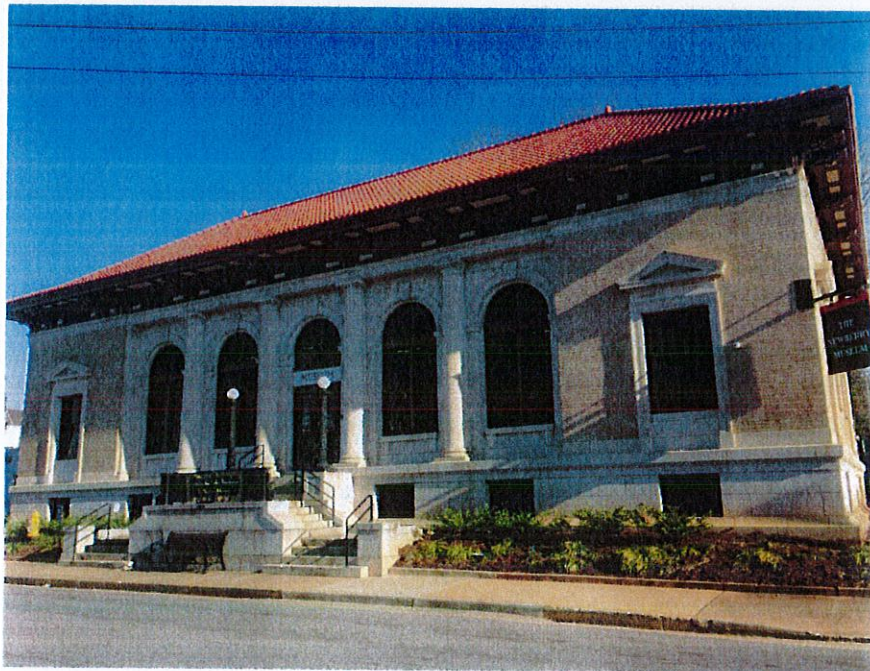
**Project Description:** The proposed improvements are for the County Museum Roof and HVAC Replacement. Over the past few years there have been numerous leaks during storm events which have damaged museum exhibits. In addition, the current HVAC system is not able to function properly and is resulting in expensive power bills and condensation throughout the facility.

**Scope Elements:** The project will consist of replacement of the existing copper roof and replacement of the aging HVAC system

**Estimate of Costs:**

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$815,000

*Please see supplemental information for detailed cost estimate breakdown*





**Project Number:** 11

**Sponsoring Entity:** Town of Pomaria



*Town of Pomaria*

**Project 11:** Town of Pomaria Old School Renovations

**Category:** Renovation/Upfit

**Requested Funding:** \$671,745

**Project Description:** Renovation of classrooms and basement floors for Old Pomaria School.

**Scope Elements:** The intent of the project is renovating the three (3) top floor classrooms on the second level and remove old wooden floors of three (3) basement level rooms and replace with concrete. In addition, the project will renovate the front breezeway and cafeteria front which is the main entrance of both buildings.

**Estimate of Costs:**

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$671,745

*Please see supplemental information for detailed cost estimate breakdown*



**Project Number:** 12

**Sponsoring Entity:** Town of Whitmire



**Project 12:** Town of Whitmire City Gym Renovations

**Category:** Renovation/Upfit

**Requested Funding:** \$800,000

**Project Description:** Renovation of Town of Whitmire City Gym

**Scope Elements:** The renovation of the Town of Whitmire City Gym are to include parking improvements, ADA accessibility improvements, landscaping, security systems, roof repair/replacement, painting, asbestos testing, and interior renovations.

**Estimate of Costs:**

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$1,380,000

*Please see supplemental information for detailed cost estimate breakdown*



### III. RECOMMENDATIONS / CONCLUSIONS

The Capital Projects Sales Tax Study is intended for the use of the voters in Newberry County and the County's leadership to make an educated decision for the implementation of a Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST). Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to assist Newberry County, its associated entities and Municipalities, Towns, Communities, and Citizens in the completion of this 2022 Newberry County Capital Project Sales Tax Master Plan.

In moving forward, Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc. would recommend that the sponsors of the projects represented herein continue to pursue additional/alternative sources of supplemental (State and/or Federal) funding such as grants, in an effort to extend the revenues from the CPST to the maximum extent feasible. Utilizing sales tax funding as a grant match source would not only promote maximum use of the available sales tax funds, but it could also greatly enhance the level of funds.

It should be noted that the Preliminary Construction Cost Opinions provided with each project have been completed and reviewed by qualified architectural and engineering firms. However, actual costs for completion of these projects are subject to variations based on the final scope of the project, and the prevailing bid climate at the time the projects are bid.

Upon a majority vote in favor of the CPST, and as the project sponsors prepare to begin design and construction of the proposed projects; care should be taken to select qualified professionals to assist with these tasks, so the citizens of Newberry County are assured a quality final product upon completion.

The Capital Project Sales Tax offers Newberry County a great opportunity to update existing infrastructure and buildings, as well as create new Educational, Emergency, Historical, Infrastructure, Institutional, and Recreational facilities throughout the County. The selected projects are distributed geographically and are sure to



positively impact the citizens within Newberry County for generations to come. Projects are proposed in each of Newberry County's municipalities and will provide wide spread benefits to the communities and citizens of Newberry County. Also, the Commission appears to have concentrated on Newberry County's need for infrastructure improvements, economic development and growth by including a new Law Enforcement Center, and Water/Wastewater System upgrades throughout the county. This forethought is proof to the voters of Newberry County that the Commission has selected quality projects for inclusion in the CPST for Newberry County. While these developments are important, it's also very important to maintain and continue to improve upon existing infrastructure located throughout the county, of which the Commission also accounted for in the Projects selected and represented in the Form of Ballot.



**APPENDIX I - ONE CENT SALES TAX ORDINANCE AND INFORMATION  
SHEET**



ORDINANCE NO. 05-18-2022

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NEWBERRY COUNTY  
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CLERK OF COURT

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX FUNDS AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Newberry County, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled:

ARTICLE I

FINDINGS OF FACT

The County Council of Newberry County, South Carolina (the "Council"), the governing body of Newberry County, South Carolina (the "County"), has made the following findings of fact:

Section 1.01 Findings.

Pursuant to South Carolina Code Ann. §§4-10-300 *et seq.* (1976, as amended) (the "CPST Act") and a referendum held in the County on November 8, 2016 (the "Referendum"), there is presently imposed within the County a one percent sales tax on the sale of certain items specified in the CPST Act (the "Tax"). Proceeds of the Tax have been applied to the payment of debt service on the County's \$19,125,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017 (the "CPST Bonds"). Proceeds of the CPST Bonds have been applied to defray the cost of capital improvements listed on the Referendum ballot.

The Council is advised that the CPST Bonds have been defeased in full and are no longer outstanding. All cost overruns of projects listed on the Referendum ballot have been met or funds allocated therefor. While the Council presently intends to continue the Tax pursuant to the CPST Act beyond its scheduled termination, the reimposition of the Tax requires approval subsequent referendum, which will be held November 8, 2022, if so ordained by Council (the "2022 Referendum"). The Council is further advised that, inasmuch as the CPST Bonds have been defeased and the Tax has not yet been reimposed, the Council is authorized by South Carolina Code Ann. §4-10-340(3) to direct the expenditure of remaining Tax proceeds to capital projects as described in South Carolina Code Ann. §4-10-330(A)(1).

Listed as Item 7 on the Referendum ballot was "Town Hall/Police Department Remodel/Upgrades -\$1,000,000" for the Town of Whitmire (the "Town"). The Town has been advised since the holding of the Referendum that the remodeling and upgrading of a garage which is a component of its existing Police Department facility is impractical as a consequence of the condition of the garage structure. The Town has requested that the Council approve the use of a portion of the remaining proceeds of the Tax to construct a structure in lieu of the remodeling and upgrading of the existing garage (the "Revised Project"). The Council finds that such use is consistent with the purpose of the Tax and has determined so authorize the use of Tax proceeds.

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ARTICLE II

AUTHORIZATION

Section 2.01 Approval of Application of Tax Proceeds.

The Council hereby approves the application of in the amount of not exceeding \$155,000 to the Revised Project. All other proceeds of the Tax will be applied to capital improvements appearing on the ballot for the 2022 Referendum, interest on bonds issued pursuant to the 2022 Referendum, or, if the Tax is not reimposed, in the manner provided in South Carolina Code Ann. §4-10-340(3).

Section 2.02 Effective Date of Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon the third and final reading thereof.

\* \* \* \*

ENACTED this 6 day of July, 2022.

(SEAL)

COUNTY COUNCIL OF  
NEWBERRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

  
Todd Johnson, Chairman, County Council  
of Newberry County, South Carolina

Attest:

  
Jackie Lawrence, Clerk to Council

First Reading: June 1, 2022

Second Reading: June 15, 2022

Public Hearing: July 6, 2022

Third Reading: July 6, 2022

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF NEWBERRY


I, the undersigned, Clerk to Council of Newberry County, South Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the foregoing is a true, correct and verbatim copy of an Ordinance enacted by the County Council of Newberry County on 7.6, 2022, at which a majority/all members were present. It was first introduced at the regular meeting of County Council held on 6.1, 2022. At that meeting, it was given first reading by the majority/unanimous vote of the County Council. Afterwards, at the regular meeting of the County Council held on 6.15, 2022, it was given its second reading, and at the regular meeting of the County Council held on 7.6, 2022, it was given third and final reading by the unanimous vote of County Council. At each of said meetings, a quorum of County Council was present at all times during the proceedings pursuant to which the aforesaid Ordinance was adopted, the original of which is duly entered in the record of minutes of the aforesaid meetings of said County Council in my Custody as such Clerk.

2. As required by Title 30, Chapter 4 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Act"), being the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda of each of the meetings of the County Council referenced in the preceding paragraph (showing the date, time and place of the meeting), was, at least 24 hours prior to each such meeting, posted on a designated bulletin board in the administrative offices of the County, posted on the County's public website, and provided to news media and others requesting such information. The agenda for each of the meetings listed in the preceding paragraphs included as an item the reading of the aforesaid Ordinance and was made publicly available in accordance with the preceding sentence.

6<sup>th</sup> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and the Seal of the County Council this day of July, 2022.

(SEAL)

  
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Jackie Lawrence, Clerk to Council



## November 8, 2022, Capital Project Sales Tax Referendum

### *Information Sheet*

**South Carolina Code of Laws Title 4, Chapter 10, Article 3 Section 4-10-300**, et seq. outlines the steps a county must take to levy a one (1) percent sales tax by referendum on sales within the county the purpose for which proceeds are to be used for capital related projects.

On September 15th of 2021, Newberry County Council began the process with the first step of creating a six (6) member Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) Commission. The Capital Project Sales Tax Act outlines the composition of the commission seats. The commission must consider proposals for funding capital projects within the county. The commission then formulates the ballot/referendum question that is presented to County Council. County Council approves or rejects the ballot. County Council approved the ballot as presented by ordinance on July 6, 2022. The referendum question with projects listed will be presented to the voters at the general election. The date of the general election is November 8, 2022. Meetings of the CPST Commission were open to the public.

#### **Sales Tax Highlights**

- Sales tax dollars raised in Newberry County stay in Newberry County.
- This one (1) percent sales tax is not an additional tax; it will replace the one (1) percent sales tax that is currently in effect when it expires in 2024.
- With this sales tax, out of County residents significantly contribute towards the investment of Newberry County projects.
- Unprepared food items eligible for purchase with United States Department of Agriculture food coupons are exempt from the capital projects sales tax. For additional information, visit the South Carolina Department of Revenue website.
- If passed by the voters, the sales tax will expire after a maximum period of 7 years.
- The projects chosen will reflect the needs throughout Newberry County to include the incorporated areas of Newberry, Pomaria, Prosperity, Little Mountain, and Whitmire as well as Newberry County Water & Sewer Authority.
- By law, the money raised as a part of this program can only be spent on the projects approved by the voters.
- County Council cannot modify the projects listed on the ballot question formulated by the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission.

# COMMON CENTS

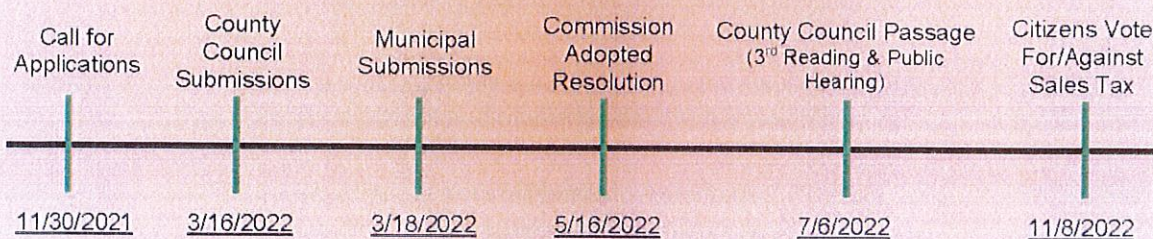
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## 12 Projects Recommended by the CPST Commission for November 8th Referendum

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City of Newberry Recreational Complex Improvements	\$3,295,000
Town of Prosperity Parks Improvements	\$3,150,000
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Town of Little Mountain Reunion Park Improvements	\$2,015,825
Downtown Newberry Amphitheater/Pavilion	\$3,650,000
Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority's Cannon's Creek Wastewater Facility Upgrades and Expansion	\$5,154,500
Old Gallman High School Partial Renovation Project/Community Center	\$1,450,000
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Newberry Museum Roof Replacement and HVAC Improvements	\$815,000
Town of Pomaria Old Pomaria School Community Center Improvements	\$671,745
Town of Whitmire City Gym Improvements	\$800,000

### 2022 Newberry County Capital Project Sales Tax Timeline



#### Have Questions?

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## NEWBERRY COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX

CITY OF NEWBERRY    TOWN OF PROSPERITY    TOWN OF LITTLE MOUNTAIN  
TOWN OF POMARIA    TOWN OF WHITMIRE    NEWBERRY COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

The Capital Project Sales Tax is a one cent added sales tax that provides funding for multiple capital projects within the bounds of Newberry County and its Municipalities.

### Capital Project-Sales Tax Referendum

On November 8th of 2022, the Citizens of Newberry County will be given the opportunity to approve or refuse a referendum to approve a 1-cent sales tax not to exceed 7 years. If approved, Sales Tax Collections in Newberry County will begin in May 2024. This is not a new tax but a continuation of the existing 1-cent sales tax. The Newberry County Council has voted to place the following projects on the November election ballot as recommended by the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission with ballot amounts.

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