



MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
April 12, 2017
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Glenn Hart, District V, Chairman

Mr. Julian Davis, District IV

Ms. Edda Cammick, District I

The Transportation Committee was scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. [immediately precede or follow the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare meeting, which is also scheduled at 5:30 pm] in Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present [except Mr. Davis & Administrator Scott Moulder] County Attorney David Root and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

Staff Present: Mr. Kyle Reid, Asst. Manager Roads & Bridges Department.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: None.

Call to Order:

Mr. Hart called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Minutes:

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 2 – 0 to approve the January 24, 2017 minutes as presented.

Discussion & Action Regarding the Following Items:

Mr. Root addressed the Committee for all Discussion & Action Items listed below.

Discussion regarding provisions in Chapter 26 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances, specifically as to (1) maintenance of County roads and (2) acceptance of roads into the County road system

Maintenance of County roads

Mr. Root addressed the Committee regarding Chapter 26 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances and amend that portion to rescind any provisions of county maintenance of roads and Roads & Bridges Department develop a policy with approval of County Administrator.

It was the consensus of the Committee for the County Attorney to draft the Ordinance and bring to full Council for consideration.

Acceptance of roads into the County road system

Mr. Root addressed the Committee regarding acceptance of roads into county road system. Part of this discussion included:

- Drafting an ordinance language to make more user friendly specific to road construction as well as acceptance by County.
- Checklist required for developers understand and adhere to County policy for road construction and acceptance procedures.
- Revisions to ordinance to make more applicable specific to Oconee County and not specific to more rural areas, i.e. considerations for topography, density of developments, etc.
- Easier for navigations by developers.

It was the consensus of the Committee for the County Attorney to draft the Ordinance and bring to full Council for consideration.

Discussion regarding the proposed abandonment of a portion of Linhart Rd (WA-156)

Mr. Reid addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] regarding abandoning a portion of Linhart Road. Requested purpose of the abandonment is Sharpe Manufacturing is looking for room to expand their business. The proposed abandonment is for approximately 300 feet of the road on the West Union end of the road and a cul-de-sac would need to be constructed for proper turn around. Mr. Reid noted all home owners were in agreement with abandonment of the road for the following reasons:

- Speed
- Gravel road with curves and narrow at points
- Complaints from citizens
- More patrol from Oconee County Sheriff's Office [OCSO]

It was the consensus of the Committee to direct the Roads & Bridges Department to continue to work on the abandonment process.

Other Business

None discussed at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Ms. Cammick made a motion to adjourn, approved unanimously at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council