



MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

February 17, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Chairman

Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I

Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

The Transportation Committee met Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Administrator Scott Moulder, County Engineer Mack Kelly and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

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: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent

Call to Order: Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 3 – 0 to approve the minutes as presented from the November 8, 2010 meeting.

Citizen Appearances [10 minute maximum per topic]

Stone Pond Subdivision / Mr. Geary Robinson

Mr. Geary Robinson, Stone Pone Road Owners Association, Inc., addressed Committee utilizing a handout [copy filed with these minutes] to ask for assistance to develop a plan to bring roads in the Stone Pond Subdivision up to County standards with the help of the County Roads & Bridges Department. Mr. Mack Kelly provided the Committee with a written report on this matter [copy filed with these minute]. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift instructed Mr. Moulder and Mr. Kelly to help develop cost estimates for Mr. Robinson and the other residents and to run calculations regarding the tax impact if a special purpose district was established for the subdivision.

Alice Lane

Ms. Tammy Tompkins & Mr. Richard Sandford addressed the Committee regarding their request that the County maintain their portion of the gravel roadway. Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a written report on this matter [copy filed with these minutes]. Discussion followed.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to direct the Administrator and County Engineer to review the issues with the citizens to identify options and if those options will not work to come back to the Committee for further discussion/possible action.

Damascus Church Road

Mr. Craig Ewing addressed the Committee noting that the residents have formed a neighborhood association to address what they identify as health and safety issues on Damascus Church Road. Mr. Ewing as a result of the groups meeting requested the following:

- Replace 20 mph signs at each end of the roadway
- At dangerous curves install 15 mph signs
- Request to provide to either the Administrator or the Committee a long term plan for paving the roadway

Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a written report on this matter [copy filed with these minutes]. Discussion followed.

Mr. Moulder stated that signs would be placed by Friday, February 18, 2011.

Mr. Ewing lastly requested that the County water the recent gravel placed on the roadway as there is a lot of dust when vehicles travel on the road. Mr. Thrift stated that the County does not provide this service.

Proposed Ordinance Review/Discussion/Ordinance 2010-26

Mr. Moulder notified the Committee that the County Attorney had not yet completed work on this ordinance and asked that this discussion be deferred to a future meeting. The Committee concurred.

Ongoing Project Status / Staff Report *[10 minute maximum per topic]*

Mr. Kelly reviewed with the Committee two reports [Special Projects and Tentative Road Improvement List]. Mr. Kelly highlighted accomplishments, ongoing projects and advised the Committee regarding the Road Departments response to the winter weather events earlier in the year.

The Committee discussed the Tentative Road Improvement List in some detail and asked Mr. Moulder and Mr. Kelly to report at the next meeting with language for an ordinance amendment identifying improved criteria for identification of roads for the paving list.

New Business:

No New Business was addressed at this meeting.

Other Business:

No Other Business was addressed at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council