



MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

July 10, 2012

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Chairman

Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I

Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

The Transportation Committee met at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Administrator Scott Moulder, Assistant Administrator Glenn Breed 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: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent

Call to Order: Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:
Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 2 - 0 [Mr. Corbeil abstained – he did not attend the meeting] that the minutes from the August 30, 2011 meeting as presented.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 2 – 0 [Mr. McCall abstained – he did not attend the meetings], October 25, 2011, December 13, 2011 and April 10, 2012 meeting be approved as presented.

Ongoing Staff Projects Report
Mr. Mack Kelly, County Engineer, addressed the Committee highlighting activities presented on the Special Projects report [copy filed with these minutes] for the period covering April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Ridge Road
Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a written report as information regarding the status of Ridge Road. Discussion followed. No action was taken by the Committee at this meeting.

Butts Farm Road
Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a written report as information regarding the status of Butts Farm Road. Lengthy discussion followed regarding possible amendments to the ordinance to possibly allow for hardship and/or safety concern requests of the county related to road maintenance and/or upgrades. Mr. Moulder cautioned regarding altering the ordinance noting that if Council begins to accept roads that do not meet county road ordinance standards that it will be difficult to not accept all roads requested to be accepted into the county road system.

Chairman Thrift requested staff bring to a future meeting proposed language to address possible citizen hardships.

Old Business

C Fund / Paving Contract Update

Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a written report with a recommendation regarding adding roads into the paving contract provided we receive additional C-Fund money. Discussion followed.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 3 – 0 to add Ashley Drive, Pawnee Drive, Bee Street, Country Acres Road and Lake Point East to the paving contract contingent upon receipt of additional C-Fund money.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 3 – 0 to recommend to full Council that the Administrator be authorized to approve change orders to the Road Paving Contract 2011-2012 [2] for the approve roads listed in the previous motion.

Lands Bridge Grant Update

Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a written report with a recommendation regarding the Lands Bridge Grant. Discussion followed.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to take to full Council for approval the authorizing the Administrator to execute any requirement agreement with the US Forest Services related to this grant.

Bridge Priority List Update

Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a written report with a recommendation regarding the Bridge/Culvert Priority List. Discussion followed.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 3 – 0 to take to full Council for approval the prioritized Bridge/Culvert listing as presented in this meeting.

Encroachment Permit Process [follow up on Transportation Network Ordinance Review from URS]

Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a written report with a recommendation regarding the drafting of an ordinance and policy based on the report from URS. Discussion followed.

Chairman Thrift directed staff to provide for the next meeting a 1-2 page summary document outlining the proposed changes and to also provide the proposed fee scheduled for the Committee's review/recommendation to full Council.

New Business

Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Corbeil questioned if a Transportation / Roads Master Plan existed. Mr. Kelly stated that he is at present [1] reviewing the criteria used for road paving prioritization, [2] developing a Right of Way Master List, and [3] evaluating roads in Priority Development Areas.

Fence at Blue Ridge Elementary School / Possible Library Site

Mr. McCall questioned the continued need for the retention pond at the site for a possible county library. Mr. Moulder stated that the pond was established as a permanent pond by DHEC.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Committee will be on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council