



MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
October 27, 2009
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Chairman
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

The Transportation Committee met Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Interim Administrator Gene Klugh 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: Peter Kent – WMSW Radio

Call to Order:

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 3 – 0 to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2009 meeting as presented.

Ongoing Project Status / Staff Report

Road Improvement List/Finalize for Action: Mr. Kelly presented to the Committee a Tentative Roads Projects listing [a copy filed with these minutes] requesting that the Committee approve the listing and take to full Council for action. Mr. Kelly noted that Valley Farm Road should be added to the list as an in-house project.

Mr. Kelly noted that these roads will be submitted to the CTC Committee for approval with bid estimates as soon as practical.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 3 – 0 to forward to full Council for final approval the Road Project listing as amended.

Special Project Update: Mr. Kelly presented the Committee with a copy of the Special Projects Completed and Special Projects Assigned for information purposes. No action was taken by the Committee on these lists.

Coneross Point Subdivision Non-Complying Signs: Mr. Kelly presented the Committee with a memo [filed with these minutes] outlining the staff's work to replace the non-complying signs and costs associated with this project.

Road Closure Process / Status Update: Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a listing [a copy filed with these minutes] of roads forwarded to Mr. Scott Allmon for closure.

Mailboxes on County Roads: Mr. Kelly presented the Committee with a memo [filed with these minutes] outlining current law and ordinances that pertain to obstructions in the road right-of-way.

Mr. Thrift referred this issue to the County Attorney for further review and follow-up at the next meeting.

Resolution regarding Cuddle Cove: Mr. Kelly provided the committee with a memo, maps and photos [filed with these minutes] outlining the driveway washed out on September 20, 2009.

The Committee accepted the recommendations by Mr. Kelly on this matter. No further action required.

New Business:

Approved Citizen Appearances / Requests:

Waterford Pointe Subdivision Request to Accept Private Roads into County System: Mr. Kelly provided the committee with a memo [filed with these minutes] recommending that the Committee deny the request to accept the roads in Waterford Pointe Subdivision.

Mr. Dennis Parker, HOA Director & Treasurer, and Mr. Bruce Miehle, addressed the Committee on behalf of the subdivision and outlined their request. Mr. Parker did acknowledge that the roads were not accepted at the same time as the rest of the subdivision as they did not meet the road standard ordinance at that time as they were not a sufficient width.

Mr. Parker requested either a variance for the roads as they are or that the committee tentatively agree to accept the roads after they obtain sufficient right-of-way from all effected property owners. Discussion followed.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 3 – 0 to recommend that the Waterford Pointe Subdivision HOA work with the County Engineer to identify issues that need repair/replacement and have those issues fixed. After this is accomplished the subdivision may again address the Committee with their request.

Edgewater Drive Request for Paving and/or Full County Maintenance: Mr. Kelly provided the committee with a memo [filed with these minutes] recommending that the citizen obtain the necessary right-of-way and/or the necessary easements.

Ms. Elizabeth Adams addressed the Committee stating that the roadway is not unsafe that large vehicles routinely travel the roadway. She requested that the County add Edgewater Drive to the paving list and if this is not possible that the County maintain the road the full length of the road. Discussion followed.

Mr. Kelly was instructed by the Committee to contact Ms. Adams [864-639-9402] to assist her with the necessary paperwork so that she can contact her neighbors to begin obtaining the necessary easements or right-of-way documents.

Approved Citizen Appearances / Requests:

None at this meeting.

Old Business:

Lakewood Drive / Mr. Bruce Justice: Mr. Kelly provided the committee with a memo [filed with these minutes] noting that [1] ownership needs to be identified, and [2] current road condition needs to be determined and the road brought up to current standards if deficient.

Mr. Thrift noted that once the above issues are resolved that the issues may again address the Committee with their request.

Snow Ridge / Mary Sue Lane [P2981]: Mr. Kelly provided the committee with a memo [filed with these minutes] noting that the residents need to discuss their issues with Mr. Duvall and may potentially have to hire an attorney to assist them.

The Committee accepted the recommendations by Mr. Kelly on this matter. No further action required. Mr. Thrift asked Mr. Kelly to notify the residents of the Committees decision.

Adjourn:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 3 – 0 to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council