



MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

September 2, 2010

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Chairman

Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I

Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

The Transportation Committee met Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 5:30 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 & Carlos Galarza – Daily Journal

Call to Order:

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

Minutes:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2010 meeting as presented.

Ongoing Project Status/Staff Report: County Engineer:

Mr. Mack Kelly, County Engineer, addressed the Committee utilizing a handout [filed with these minutes] highlighting special projects completed and special projects assigned.

Mr. Kelly requested that the Committee approve a correction to the approved road listing [change Concord Industrial to Industrial Park Place] for the paving contract. Council concurred. Mr. Thrift will take this to the September 7, 2010 meeting for full Council approval.

Proposed Ordinance Review/Discussion:

Ordinance 2010-17:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 3 – 0 to send **Ordinance #2010-17** “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY, AS TO THE AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN UNIFIED ROAD STANDARDS FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF OCONEE COUNTY, THE AMENDMENT OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDING FOR SUCH INSPECTIONS, AND THE REVISION OF ROAD SIGNAGE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDING FOR SUCH SIGNAGE AND THE REVISION OF ENCROACHMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF

FUNDING FOR SUCH ENCROACHMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO” back to full Council for Public Hearing and third and final reading.

Ordinance 2010-26:

Mr. Thrift recognized Mr. Tom Markovich who requested time to address the Committee regarding concerns with both this ordinance and Ordinance 2010-17.

Mr. Markovich agreed to write up his questions and concerns and forward them to the Clerk to Council who will provide them to the County Attorney and Administration so that they can be addressed when they are next addressed by full Council.

Mr. Kelly reviewed key areas of the handouts provided to the Committee [filed with these minutes]. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift stated that the Committee needed additional time to review and tabled further discussion until the next scheduled Transportation Committee meeting.

Ordinance 2010-28:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to send **Ordinance #2010-28** “AN ORDINANCE CREATING A STANDARD SET OF PROCEDURES AND POLICIES FOR THE CONSENT OF OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE PROPOSED ABANDONMENT AND CLOSURE OF PUBLIC ROADS IN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; REQUIRING PHYSICAL NOTICE THEREOF; SETTING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ABANDONMENT AND CLOSURE OF PUBLIC ROADS IN OCONEE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO” to full Council for first reading at the September 21, 2010 meeting.

New Business:

Approved Citizen Appearances / Requests

Diamond Drive [WA-306] / Ms. Susan Hopkins

Ms. Hopkins addressed the Committee outlining her request to have Diamond Drive [WA-306] abandoned and made private. Discussion followed. Mr. Moulder stated that a sign will be developed for posting to notify the public of the impending closure.

Mr. Thrift stated that he would take to full Council for approval turning this matter over to the attorney to begin closure of the roadway.

Alice Lane / Ms. Tammy Tompkins

Ms. Tompkins contacted the County Engineer stating that they were again unable to attend the meeting.

The Committee after discussion instructed the County Engineer to send a letter to the property owners outlining the County’s position as stated in the staff report of findings.

Doug Hollow Road & Lake Keowee Restaurant / Mr. Richard Cottingham

Mr. Cottingham addressed the Committee outlining the proposal utilizing handouts [filed with these minutes] to close a portion of Doug Hollow Road; create Lighthouse Point Road and the development of the Lighthouse Restaurant. Various scenarios and options were discussed.

The Committee instructed Mr. Cottingham to obtain a letter from Duke stating [1] their desire to have close a portion of Doug Hollow Road, [2] verify that public lake access at this location is unauthorized. In addition, members of the Committee will

tour the location with Mr. Cottingham in preparation for the next meeting at which time this will be on the agenda for further discussion and possible action.

C-Fund Request Letter

The Committee discussed the draft letter presented for discussion [copy filed with these minutes] and approved the County Administrator sending the letter with one small correction to the list [noted above].

Lakewood Drive / Mr. Bruce Justice Letter to Administrator

Mr. Moulder reviewed with the Committee and email letter [filed with these minutes] received regarding this roadway. Discussion followed.

The Committee instructed the County Administrator to inform Mr. Justice that the County maintains 260' of this roadway only and that options provided to the citizens on this road at previous Transportation Committee meetings are still available to them.

Approved Staff Appearances / Requests

None at this meeting.

Old Business:

Dr. John's Road / Closure Clarification

The Committee directed the County Engineer to contact the property owners informing them that as the ACOE and other residents are no longer in favor of closure that Oconee County no longer in favors closure of this road either.

Adjourn:

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council