



MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

April 21, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Chairman

Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I

Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

The Transportation Committee met Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Administrator Scott Moulder 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: 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 as presented from the March 8, 2011 meeting.

Citizen Appearances [10 minute maximum per topic]

Request for Updated CAT Bus Study / Rev. Richard Reams

Reverend Reams addressed the Committee outlining reasons to update the CAT Bus study with the hope of expanding services to Walhalla and Westminster. He noted that updated 2010 census data to included current demographic information needs to be included along with considering projected long term and current fuel costs. Mr. Ed Halbig, Seneca Planning Director, also addressed the Committee in support of updating the 2008 study. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift asked the County Administrator to contact the parties to identify the steps needed to initiate an updated study.

County Road Improvement Policy as it related to Right of Way / Mr. John Saylor

Mr. Saylor addressed the Committee voicing concerns with the current road improvement policy as it relates to right of ways. Lake Becky Road needs to be repaved and widened however the Road Department does not have sufficient right of way to improve the roadway. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift noted that the Committee would review the procedures in place and try to identify a solution to allow for road improvements on roads without full right of way.

No action was taken by the Committee.

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

Mr. Kyle Reid, Assistant Roads & Bridges Manager, addressed the Committee reviewing several documents [copies filed with these minutes] with member to include:

- Project Listing
- Road Improvement Request Summary
- Road Improvement Project Action Report [follow up to two citizen workshops held Saturday, March 26, 2011 and Tuesday, March 29, 2011]
- Tentative Road Improvement List [in priority order - dated February 17, 2011]

The committee discussion various issues related to these reports.

Mr. Thrift requested the County Administrator or the Attorney to contact the railroad regarding safety issues related to Dyar Road and identify if they are willing to work with the county on a road improvement project.

Mr. Moulder noted that the county has been advised by legal council that we should not repave, widen, etc. without right of way. Mr. Thrift noted that the Committee needs to address at a future meeting how the county maintains roadways that were accepted into the county road system and are not deteriorating.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to bring to Council for full approval the Tentative Road Improvement List as presented at this meeting.

New Business:

No New Business was addressed at this meeting.

Old Business:

No Old Business was addressed at this meeting.

Public Comment:

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed the Committee in support for an updated CAT Bus study and requested that the study include incorporating the small private transportation services already in place in the county to include SDOC, Tribble Center, Council on Aging, etc. In addition, she requested that when Land Bridge is replaced that the old bridge be maintained as a pedestrian bridge to allow the fishermen to continue to have access to the river.

Adjourn:

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council