



MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
January 13, 2015
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Chairman
Ms. Edda Cammick, 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 and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

Staff Present: Mr. Mack Kelly, County Engineer; Mr. Kyle Reid, Asst. Manager Roads & Bridges Department.

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: None at this meeting.

Call to Order:

Mr. Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 2 – 0 -1 [Ms. Cammick abstained – form filed with these minutes] to approve the October 14, 2014 minutes as presented.

Discussion & Action Regarding the Following Items:

Mr. Kelly addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] for all Discussion & Action Items listed below.

Roads to be Considered for New Construction Projects

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 3 – 0 to recommend to full Council the Committee's approval to add Edgewater and Wild Fern to the new construction projects list as funding becomes available.

Moccasin Flower Road

Mr. Moulder & Mr. Kelly addressed the Committee highlighting ongoing investigative work related [copy of documents filed with these minutes] to this road.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick to move forward with closure of Moccasin Flower Road.

Mr. Joe Hardy addressed the Committee as an adjacent property owner in support for closure of this road.

Mr. Ben Vissage addressed the Committee as an adjacent property owner in support for closure of this road.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 3 – 0 to amend the motion as follows: to recommend to full Council the Committee’s support for closure and to direct staff to prepare a Resolution for County Council to consent to the abandonment and closure of Moccasin Flower Road.

Mr. Thrift called for a vote on the motion as amended. The motion passed 3 – 0.

Stone Pond Special Tax District

Mr. Moulder & Mr. Kelly addressed the Committee highlighting progress on this project. Mr. Thrift reiterated the importance of notifying all new property owners regarding this special tax as property is sold and/or changes ownership.

No action was taken by the Committee regarding this matter.

Buffalo Road

Mr. Moulder & Mr. Kelly addressed the Committee highlighting issues with this road and staff’s interaction with Norfolk Southern Railroad [NSR].

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 3 – 0 to [1] recommend to full Council to improve the Buffalo Road railroad crossing by allowing Norfolk Southern Railroad to construct an improved grade crossing at a not to exceed amount of \$38,107, and [2] to authorize the Administrator to execute any agreements required with Norfolk Southern Railroad.

Hitec Road

Mr. Moulder & Mr. Kelly addressed the Committee highlighting progress and issues related to moving forward with this project. Mr. Thrift reiterated the importance of notifying all new property owners regarding this special tax as property is sold and/or changes ownership.

No action was taken by the Committee regarding this matter.

Department Activity Update:

Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a written report [copy filed with these minutes] outlining the department activity and special project.

Other Business:

Diamond Drive Road Closure

Mr. McCall questioned the status of this road closure; noting that the citizens had stated that they wanted to place a gate on the road and none is present. Mr. Moulder noted that this was completed in 2014 and that all activity on the road is up to the property owner; the county has no say at this point.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council