



MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

July 14, 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

Call to Order:

Mr. Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

Minutes:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 3 – 0 to approve the April 14, 2015 minutes as presented.

Discussion & Action Regarding the Following Items:

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

Willow Creek Subdivision Roads

Mr. Kelly reiterated concerns with the subdivision roads. Additionally he stated that he followed up per the Committee's request and did a proof roll test and developed a cost estimate [\$165,000] to improve the roads to meet county standards. Lengthy discussion followed regarding various aspects of the project to include communication with the bank and home owners association; special tax district options; Phase I & II history; ongoing safety issues, and ordinance standards.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to direct staff to draft a letter to the bank and developer to identify if they would be willing to split the costs associated with the road repairs [1/3 county and remainder split between developer and bank] and to report back to the Committee their responses. Mr. Moulder noted that staff would begin on this prior to Council's affirmation of the action at their July 21, 2015 meeting.

Private Roads / Assistance Options

Mr. Moulder and Mr. Kelly reviewed with the committee county and state laws as they pertain to expenditures of public funds on private property. Discussion followed regarding various aspects of issues with private road deterioration to include health and safety concerns, lack of services due to road condition, etc.

Mr. Thrift directed staff to continue to explore possible options with an emphasis on potential assistance when public safety concerns are identified with the proviso that the County also limits their liability.

Stone Pond Community Request

Mr. Kelly reviewed with the Committee the request of the home owners association after further study to rescind their special tax district. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to direct staff to draft an ordinance to rescind Ordinance 2012-28 which created the Stone Pond Special Tax District.

Shadowood Subdivision

Mr. Kelly reviewed with the Committee issues related to roads in the Shadowood Subdivision and the staff's recommendation. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick to direct staff to contact the developers to provide additional information to include [1] a recorded final subdivision plat, [2] provide as-built road right-of-way plan and profile, and [3] provide an Engineer's Certification listing any items not meeting the current road construction requirements.

CTC Proposed Funding

Mr. Moulder & Mr. Kelly addressed the Committee regarding handouts provided regarding FY2015-2016 CTC funding. Lengthy discussion followed.

The Committee concurred unanimously to approve staff's recommendations to [1] request that the CTC consider funding based on a priority that the County provides, which may not be the same priority the SCDOT would provide; and, [2] request additional funding (from the \$1.6M normal apportionment) be reserved for County projects since SCDOT projects are receiving the additional appropriation and distribution.

Staff Activity Report / Update

Road Inventory Project Progress Report

Mr. Kelly requested that this matter be deferred as the meeting ran long and requested that the matter be placed on the Budget, Finance & Administration Committee agenda in August 2015. Ms. Cammick Budget Committee chair concurred.

Quit Claim Deeds for Mill Roads

Mr. Kelly requested that this matter be deferred to the next Transportation Committee meeting for discussion.

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:

Ridge Road

Ms. Cammick noted ongoing calls from citizens on this roadway requesting the county assist with their washed out private road. Discussion followed. The Committee took no action regarding this matter at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council