



MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
October 10, 2017
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Glenn Hart, District V, Chairman
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV
Ms. Edda Cammick, District I

The Transportation Committee was scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. [immediately precede or follow the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare meeting, which is also scheduled at 5:30 pm] in Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

Staff Present: Mr. Kyle Reid / Assistant 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: Norm Cannada / Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Hart called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes:

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 3 – 0 to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes as presented.

Discussion & Action Regarding the Following Items:

Discussion regarding acceptance of Willow Creek Subdivision Roads into the County Public Road System

Ms. Amy Gantt addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Phase II accepted by County Council in 2007
- County employees to inspect & approve
- Missing paperwork
- Blue Ridge Electric has agreed to install decorative black lighting
- Deed over whatever is necessary to allow access for Phase II
- Intended to be County roads and inspected by County employees
- Retention ponds
- No washout over the roads

Mr. David Hubbard, Owner of Hubbard Paving, addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Completed to County specs
- Compaction test
- Inspector on County job gets a copy of every ticket that comes in at the end of each day
- Has another 10 to 15 years left for the roads
- Every 30 to 40 feet there is a test hole dug to see how deep the rock is
- Grade was an issue going from Phase I into Phase II
- Variance
- Bonded

Wes Galloway addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Worked with the Oconee County Roads & Bridges from 2001 until 2014
- Everything was completed to County standards
- Moved road to the right to meet County specs
- Any work that was completed was documented each day
- Core drill
- 5 inches of stone, 2 inches of asphalt, which meets County standards

Additionally, Ms. Gantt noted the minutes show Phase II was approved by County Council in 2007 but could not find anything prior to this meeting regarding Phase I. Ms. Gantt noted she thinks it was around 2005.

Mr. Moulder addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Phase I
- Sampling
- JW White Consulting
- Design requirements
- All employees that worked on this project is no longer with the County
- Community First Bank
- Independent person drew plans
- Test every 40 foot, alternating sides
- Must have access from a public road to be accepted into the public system and must meet the ordinances of standards
- Evaluated based on the ordinance at the time and did not meet the way the ordinance required
- Cannot accept a road that does not administratively meet our ordinances and are not allowed to provide post construction variances
- Liability

Mr. Kyle Reid, Assistant Manager with the Oconee County Roads & Bridges Department, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- Phase II was accepted and approved a variance to accept the roads as built on February 5, 2008
- Right of ways were never accepted and signed over by the Administrator to make the road a County road
- Roads for Phase II were never offered to the end of the County system
- 40 foot radius
- Sight distance

- Safety issues
- Design elements of the road
- Road was designed a different way than was built in Phase II
- Core samples

Mr. Root addressed the Committee regarding the following:

- When the roads were built the ordinance that was in place at that time allowed the for the supervisor to allow for variances as long as they were consistent with the intent of the chapter
- Council essentially took the place for the supervisor for 2003 thru 2008

Ms. Gantt addressed the Committee further with the following:

- Blueprints would have been submitted for the process
- At no time did any of the inspections not pass and stop them from building the roads
- Followed codes, signed off, and continued to work
- Can put solar lights, Caution signs, etc.

Lengthy discussion followed.

It was the consensus of the Committee to gather all the needed information and refer to full Council with an executive session first to discuss the legal issues related to variances.

Discussion regarding grading for spec building at Golden Corner Commerce Park

Mr. Kyle Reid updated the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- SCDHEC SWPPP was approved October 2, 2017
- Pre-Construction meeting with the engineer on October 3, 2017
- Grading out road and taking roughly 27,000 yards of cut material out of the road and placing on the site that is beneficial to the rest of the grading

Mr. Moulder addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

- Waiting on two items for the Safety Cooper loan application to be approved; survey for the right of way and an appraisal of the parcel for the spec building
- Intent to start construction by October 18th and hand off to contractor after the first of the new year
- Only grading out portion of dirt that we take from the roads

Discussion continued.

Mr. Richard Blackwell addressed the Committee and noted they have started marketing for the building and has contacted the Department of Commerce and Upstate Alliance. He further noted they are changing the property flyer.

No action was taken by the Committee.

Savannah Dr (P-3050) – Discussion for acceptance into the Rudimentary Road Program

Mr. Reid addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] noting the Rudimentary Road Program is acceptance of certain unpaved roads and selection for this program requires serving more than 11 occupied residences, must offer a 50 foot right of way easement, cul-de-sac, and all property owners must agree to certain conditions. Mr. Reid highlighted the following:

- 17 residences on the road
- Citizens contacted Roads & Bridges about the program
- Road is unpaved and in a state of disrepair
- No cul-de-sac currently
- No subdivisions can come off of this property and cannot put in any further driveways
- Limited program / selective program
- Approximately \$30,000 to upgrade the road
- Maintenance yearly would be approximately \$1,000
- Pertains to Savannah Drive, Brady Drive, & Austin Drive and the cul-de-sac at the end of Austin Drive
- Must be accepted by Transportation Committee and County Council before accepted into the program

Discussion continued.

Mr. Root addressed the Committee noting there was not a limit set in the Ordinance but did state that this program is going to be contingent on available funds and may be discontinued at any time regarding the Rudimentary Road Program.

It was the consensus of the Committee to complete the paperwork for acceptance into the program.

Emmanuel Church Dr (SE-341) – Discussion of citizen request for abandonment from county maintenance

Mr. Kyle Reid addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- Citizens contacted Roads & Bridges about the program
- 700 foot road with 2 residences on the road
- Put sign up noting this road is abandoned
- Motion from Committee for consent for abandonment and then take to Council
- Citizen Welch would have to take through court system to abandon the road

No action was taken by the Committee.

Discussion of new driveway at Treasurer's Office

Mr. Kyle Reid addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- Encroachment permit

- Will not lose parking spaces
- One way in and one way out
- Congestion of the two way traffic in the parking lot
- Minimal cost
- Start by November 6th and should be completed by November 30th
- Everything will be submitted to SCDOT on October 13th

No action was taken by the Committee.

Other Business

Mr. Davis noted he had concerns with speeding on certain State and County roads, especially in subdivisions with people having to back out into the road. Mr. Moulder noted if there are critical areas where they are getting a lot of complaints, they have completed a traffic count or traffic study, which tends to slow people down. Mr. Davis noted there has been concerns with Sheep Farm Road in Seneca with the cut-throughs. Ms. Cammick also noted Camp Road in Walhalla where Lakeview Assisted Living is located is a bad spot as well, especially in the afternoons.

No action was taken by the Committee.

Adjourn:

Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn, approved unanimously at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council