



INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

No audio recording was made of this meeting.

The Oconee County Infrastructure Advisory Commission met Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 1:00 pm in Conference Room, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 S. Pine Street, SC.

[Lunch was provided at 12:30 prior to the start of the meeting courtesy of Blue Ridge Electric Coop.]

Commission Members Present:

Present

No Jim Alexander, OC Economic Development
 No Tjay Bagwell, City of Walhalla
 YES Sam McMillian for A. Blackwell, BREC, Inc.
 No Paul Corbett, OC County Council
 No Jim Evers, AT&T
 YES Bob Faires, City of Seneca
 No Joey Hawkins, Fort Hill Natural Gas
 No Art Holbrooks, OC Planning
 YES Elizabeth Hulse, Secretary

Present

YES Mack Kelly, OC Roads & Bridges
 YES Scott Moulder, OC Administrator
 No Linda Oliver, Town of West Union
 No Mike Powell, OC IT
 No Terry Pruitt, Pioneer Rural Water District
 YES Lamar Taylor, Duke Energy
 YES Bobby Williams, City of Westminster [Chair]
 YES Bob Winchester, OIRSA
 No TBD, City of Salem

GUESTS / PUBLIC:

Russell Johnson, OC Economic Development
 Scott Miller, Duke Energy
 Glenn Breed, OC Asst. Administrator

Press:

None at this meeting.

Call to Order:

Mr. Williams called to order at 1:00 p.m. with a quorum present. He welcomed Mr. Bagwell the newly appointed City of Walhalla representative.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Faires, approved unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2012 meeting as presented.

Representatives Present Provided the Following Updates:

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| AT&T | No Report Provided. |
| Fort Hill
Natural Gas | No Report Provided. |
| Blue Ridge
Electric | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echo Hills - Ready to start feeder lines • Pointe West project ongoing. • Highway 50 - progress is ongoing with expansion to Earls Greve |
| Duke Energy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duke Lake Access Area upgrades ongoing • Three Phase project: Nimmons Bridge Road started • SC Duke Energy President resigned. |
| Pioneer Rural
Water District | No report provided. |

OJRSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martins Creek: operating but not yet complete with some construction issues • Budget presented to OJRSA board • Septage system development at the WWTP: project anticipated to exceed grant funding by \$14,000
County Council	No report provided
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Substations: two under construction and two planned for FY 13 budget cycle • Detention Center: continue to look at options; performing due diligence on site • Capital Projects/Needs: Committee review ongoing • Sewer Issues in County: County Attorney drafting an agreement to be executed between the County, City of Seneca and the OJRSA [terms to be determined] • Industrial Park Infrastructure: working on plan for sewer at the GOCP [Sewer South proposal].
Planning	No report provided
Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Economic Development Director: Richard Blackwell, Jim Alexander to retire June 30, 2012 • GOCP: Master Plan being developed – public meeting scheduled to review plan for May 25, 2012
Information Technology <i>(Mr. Atwood Reported for IT)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband Project FOCUS: working on rate schedules; working on fine tuning the business model/plan
Road Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrapping up paving season; preparing bid for new year paving • Coordinated with the City of Seneca on finalizing the Utica project
City of Watkalla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase I: Chicopee Mill water project almost complete • Purchasing camera to look at sewer lines • Echo Hills – water lines complete • New Hospitality Tax: proceeds will be used to create a website where citizens can pay their water bills online
City of Seneca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Utica project • Propex: working on roof repairs • Memorial Day Celebration • Dewitt Martin retiring as of June 30, 2012 • Sheep Farm Road complete [cities portion]
City of Westminster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern loop toward Highway 11 begun – expect complete within 4 months
Town of West Union <i>(Ms. Ottner provided written report)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalizing the plans for 1st Annual Summer Festival: June 9th • Beginning stages of planning for Farmer's Market for next year • Park picnic area should be complete in June; playground to be completed in July • Old Schoolhouse: Demolition scheduled to take place within 2 months.
Town of Salem	No report was provided.

Other Business:

Soil & Water Conservation District / Renovation of Oak Grove School / Fish Fry Fundraiser

Mr. Winchester noted that Oconee County Soil & Water Conservation District is sponsoring a Fish Fry fundraiser for the historic Oak Grove School on Friday, May 25, 2012 from 4-7pm for a cost of \$8 per plate noting all welcome.

Infrastructure Advisory Commission / Ordinance – Format of Meetings

Mr. Moulder addressed the group asking if the meetings were [1] meeting the needs of the group, and [2] fulfilling the roles and responsibilities of the Commission as outlined in the Code of Ordinances. Discussion followed.

It was suggested that the addition of speakers to some meetings would be beneficial but the group consensus was that the format was useful as it placed providers and governmental representatives in the same room.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Infrastructure Advisory Commission is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 S. Pine Street, Walkalla, SC. [Lunch will be provided by the City of Seneca beginning at 12:30 p.m.]

Adjourn:

Mr. Faires made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winchester, approved unanimously to adjourn at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council