



INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

No audio recording was made of this meeting.

The Oconee County Infrastructure Advisory Commission met 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 the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority.]

Commission Members Present:

Present

YES Richard Blackwell, OC Econ. Development
YES Tjay Bagwell, City of Walhalla
No Alan Blackmon, BREC, Inc.
YES Paul Corbeil, OC County Council
YES Jim Evers, AT&T
No Bob Faires, City of Seneca
No Icey Hawkins, Fort Hill Natural Gas
No Art Holbrooks, OC Planning
No Elizabeth Hulse, Secretary

Present

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

GUESTS / PUBLIC:

Scott Miller, Duke Energy
Russell Johnson, OC Econ. Development
Josh Stephens, OC Community Development

Press:

None at this meeting.

Call to Order:

Mr. Moulder called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

Establishment of 2013 Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winchester, approved unanimously to approve 2013 meeting schedule as presented.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Powell, approved unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2012 meeting as amended.

Representatives Present Provided the Following Updates:

AT&T

- Announced \$14 billion nationwide expansion of the U-Verse service
- Business as usual

Fort Hill Natural Gas Blue Ridge Electric

No report provided
No report provided

Duke Energy

- Upgrade work is ongoing at County Parks
- No news on tax reapportionment
- Cherokee facility is awaiting approval

Pioneer Rural Water District

No report provided

OJRSA

- Martins Creek: operating but not yet complete with some construction issues
- Septage system development at the WWTP: all related materials have been submitted to DHEC for review

- Golden Corner Commerce Park (GCCP); negotiating with the city and county re: sewer
 - Flows down significantly
- County Council**
- Economic development is the top priority
 - Commented on the sewer referendum and its potential to attract businesses
- Administration**
- Sewer referendum will be effective January 1, 2013
 - Commented on encouraging Econ. Development projects
- Planning**
- Commented on the creation of a Community Development Dept. as well the progress of the One Stop Shop initiative
- Economic Development**
- Economic Development Strategic Plan should be ready for Council's review in December of this year
 - Development of Echo Hills is ongoing and progressing well
 - AID has submitted plans in regards to their expansion of the shell building
 - Overall project activity has increased as of late
- Information Technology**
- Broadband Project FOCUS: 210 +/- miles of conduit installed with 180 +/- miles fiber installed; progressing with bringing schools online as well as other anchor institutions
- Road Department**
- Lands Bridge Project: environmental permitting process ongoing
 - Completed contract road improvement projects
- City of Walhalla**
- Mayor Edwards met with DOT about the Street Scape Project
 - Discussed fund raising efforts regarding the Pool Project
- City of Seneca** No report provided
- City of Westminster** No report provided
- Town of West Union**
- Old Schoolhouse: Bids will be out August 14th and the Bid Award will be August 28th.
 - Summer Festival: Planning ongoing for next year's festival
 - Flow Meters: Working on grant to upgrade lines
 - Farmer's Market: Working to open in the summer of 2013 near Highway 11
 - Ordinance/Fee Review: Work is ongoing to review and update existing ordinances and to in a step fashion increase business license fees
- Town of Salem** No report was provided.

Other Business:

None at this meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Infrastructure Advisory Commission is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC. [Lunch will be provided by the Oconee County beginning at 12:30 p.m.]

Adjourn:

Mr. Winchester made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Josh Stephens *for* Elizabeth G. Hulse
 Zoning Administrator Clerk to Council