

**PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2013**

The Public Works & Solid Waste Management Committee met on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 3:40 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman	Debra B. Summers, V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
K. Brad Matthews	

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Chris Folsom, Deputy County Administrator; Randy Poston, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Archers Lane Sidewalk - Engineering Funding - Public Works - Wrenn Barrett, Director - Mr. Barrett presented a request for C-Funds for the Archers Lane Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$57,800. The funds will be used for engineering fees for URS, one of the County's on-call engineering firms. Staff requests approval of the C-Funds by the Lexington County Transportation Committee (CTC).

A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to the CTC to approve staff's recommendations.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Matthews
	Mr. Keisler	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Jeffcoat	

Bush River Road Sidewalk - Engineering Funding - Public Works - Wrenn Barrett, Director - Mr. Barrett presented a request for C-Funds for the Bush River Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$70,600. The funds will be used for engineering fees for URS. Mr. Barrett reported the project qualifies as part of the C-Fund match at 25 percent. Staff requests approval of the C-Funds by the Lexington County Transportation Committee (CTC).

A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to the CTC to approve staff's recommendations.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Matthews
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	

Dirt Road Evaluation and Asset Inventory - Public Works - Wrenn Barrett, Director -

Mr. Barrett presented a request for approval of C-Funds for a comprehensive features inventory and evaluation of the County dirt road system. Mr. Barrett reported Public Works plans to collect data to capture certain characteristics for all the county maintained dirt roads such as; maintenance costs, environmental impact, engineering costs, function and safety of the dirt road similar to the Asset and Pavement Management System currently under development. He said there are 675 miles of dirt road in the county system not including the 115 miles of privately maintained dirt roads. The cost for the program is \$225,000 available in the Public Works' Unclassified Account 2700-121300-539900. Mr. Barrett reported that a RFP would be done for the proposal. He said they plan to have a total comprehensive collection of all data for all County dirt roads and a GIS based map of the County road system for the County website to be submitted to Council upon completion.

A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendations for the study.

In Favor: Mr. Cullum Ms. Summers
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Matthews

Stutman Road Traffic Counts - Public Works - Wrenn Barrett, Director -

Mr. Barrett presented information on the Stutman Road traffic counts per the Committee's request. He reported they conducted two 24-hour studies of the traffic counts on Tuesday, November 19th and Thursday, November 21st. Mr. Barrett presented the results showing the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) count near the intersection of Windmill Road at 19 vehicles per day, near the center of the road at 21 vehicles per day and near the intersection of Old Field Road at 25 vehicles per day. He also provided the results conducted by Tollison Engineering on August 28th and September 16th that showed the ADT at four vehicles per day. Mr. Don Rumbaugh, Public Works Engineering Associate IV, reported how the ADT count was conducted and the condition of the dirt road. He said by its appearance it was a typical county dirt road with low volume and low traffic.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend to full Council to take the position to allow Stutman Road to remain open until further notice until a court hears the case on the road closure.

Mr. Townsend asked if this would affect the opening of the mining operation. Mr. Cullum responded he could not speak about that now but thinks there has been a formal request put in place from Vulcan to close the road. He reported Council is only taking a position here today and, if this motion should pass by Council, it will be left up to a judge and the court to decide.

In Favor: Mr. Cullum Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat Ms. Summers
 Mr. Matthews

Mr. Cullum explained to the audience that the Committee has taken the position that they want Stutman Road to remain open and full Council will be asked if they want to vote on the Committee's recommendation under Old/New Business today at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Cullum said this would go as evidence should a judge ask what the County's position is pertaining to the road closure.

Mr. Banning stated the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control has the final say on this issue.

Mr. Cullum said that after Council's full vote we have done all we can do logistically and legally possible at this point. He recommended they seek assistance from their state representatives.

Westgate Drive Traffic Evaluation - Public Works - Wrenn Barrett, Director - Mr. Barrett presented information on the Westgate Drive traffic evaluation on the truck traffic. Staff was requested to return with additional information. Mr. Barrett reported the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) at the intersection of Wilton Road totaled 10 trucks out of 1,380 vehicles and at the intersection of Delree Street totaled 20 trucks out of 1,616 vehicles for the two days monitored. Mr. Barrett said this is a state road and he has contacted the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) about the placement of "no through trucks" signage. SCDOT's response was they would be willing to put the signs up but that the County would have to pass an ordinance for enforcement of the restrictions for truck traffic. He said they have not contacted the Sheriff's office but called the trucking firm and spoke with a representative who said they would talk to the drivers about not using Westgate Drive. Ms. Summers said she would contact the citizens to see if there has been any improvement since Mr. Barrett's phone call regarding the truck traffic. Mr. Cullum said the Committee will defer this to January or February to see if there has been any improvement and staff can return with additional data if needed. For information only, no action taken.

Ben Kyzer Road Closing - Councilman Townsend - Mr. Cullum reported that Mr. Townsend wanted to revisit the Ben Kyzer Road closing request. He said he thought there had been a formal closing filed with the court. Mr. Anderson, County Attorney, said he has not seen anything regarding the closing. Mr. Cullum requested information from the October 11, 2011 Public Works Committee meeting where the Committee last voted on this matter regarding the recommendations from EMS, Sheriff's Department and Fire Service. He said upon their recommendations they would like to see the road remain open for safety purposes and the Committee voted on the matter; however, it was never voted on by full Council as to the Committee's position. (The original motion by Committee was to recommend full Council oppose the closure of a portion of Ben Kyzer Drive). Mr. Cullum asked the Committee whether or not we want to take a full Council vote this evening or just let the Committee's vote stand. Mr. Townsend responded he wanted full Council to vote tonight. Mr. Cullum confirmed it would be brought before the full Council.

Old Business/New Business - New Road/Corley Mill/Riverchase Monthly Update; Flooding Issues/Kinley Creek Criteria; Stormwater Utility Fee; and Pine Glen Alternate Exit (Emergency Access Road Cost); Nursery Road Bridge Update;

Permanent Water Quality Buffer Requirement Concerns; Dixired Road; Stormwater Ordinance - None.

Meeting of October 8 and October 29, 2013 - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the October 8 and October 29, 2013 minutes as submitted.

In Favor: Mr. Cullum Mr. Matthews
 Ms. Summers Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

M. Todd Cullum
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk