

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 11, 2007**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:50 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

Debra B. Summers, Chairman	M. Todd Cullum, V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler	John W. Carrigg, Jr.
William C. Billy Derrick	

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; 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.

**Dirt Road Paving Alternatives (Goal 3) - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director** – Mr. Fechtel presented a report on dirt road paving alternatives based on information that was gathered from visiting Newberry, Dorchester, Fairfield, and Aiken county dirt roads. Right-of-way and construction criteria were two issues addressed in the report. Mr. Fechtel reviewed why right-of-way is obtained for various reasons such as safety, maintenance, and as suitable areas for utilities. He presented lower priced alternative materials for paving dirt roads such as CR-14 (crusher run) and sand clay for base material and instead of the hot laid asphalt, a double or triple treatment for paving material. Mr. Fechtel was asked to identify a cross-section of roads in the county to serve as tests for these alterative paving methods based on the soil types. He said staff would provide a list of projects based on the list of roads to be paved and bring back in January. Mr. Fechtel identified nine roads from a list of approved roads that have been engineered and right-of-way obtained totaling six miles scattered throughout the county. The roads listed included Dogwood Road, Jim Rucker Road, Pelion Road, Backman Road, Jane Lane, Pleasant Court, Payne Lane, Martinez Road, and Shannon Street. He said staff would evaluate the list presented and review the priority list and return with recommendations. For discussion only, no action taken.

**Retrospective of Maintenance of County/Municipal Roads - Public Works – Don Rumbaugh, Engineering Associate IV** – Mr. Rumbaugh presented a brief history on the county’s maintenance of roads within municipalities. He referred to the 1978 Engineering Agreement executed between Lexington County and each municipality. Mr. Rumbaugh also provided a listing of the number of miles maintained by each municipality and by the county within each municipality. This report was requested based on the request from the Town of Irmo regarding County’s acceptance and maintenance of six roads. Mr. Fechtel said this

request would be presented for action at the next meeting. For discussion only, no action taken.

**Approval of Minutes - Meetings of October 23 and November 13, 2007** – A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the October 23 and November 13, 2007 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Old Business/New Business - Land Dev. Guidelines 4.3.3 and 3.4.4, Paving policy, Policy for skip paving** – Ms. Summers said that she would be meeting with Mr. Fechtel to review and clear up old business items.

**New Business - Local Government Road Systems** - Chairman Derrick referred to a meeting at the SCAC Legislative Conference and with the Executive Director of SCDOT, Mr. H.B. “Buck” Limehouse. The legislative panel made mention that local government would be given state roads increasing its current road systems with no additional funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to the Clerk

Debra B. Summers  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk