

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2007**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:15 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; 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.

Private Road Update - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director – Mr. Fechtel discussed the private road update. It was recommended that the list of conditions presented at the March 13 meeting be changed from 10 lots on a road to a minimum of 11 or more lots. (List shown below) Mr. Fechtel said that it costs about \$3,500 per mile to maintain a dirt road and would equate to \$350,000 annually if the County took in the estimated 100 miles of private dirt roads currently in the County. Recommended to add a sixth item to the list of conditions outlined – roads should be brought up to a certain standard and a list of standards to be established by Public Works that is equal to or better than existing dirt roads. Further discussions planned. For information only. No action taken.

1. Everyone who owns property abutting the road would have to agree to a 50' right-of-way and any drainage easements deemed necessary to Public Works.
2. A minimum of 10 lots on the road. **(Change to 11 or more lots)**
3. Roads platted up to the point of Council's decision, if any, to accept these roads, would be eligible.
4. Any road accepted by County Council meeting the prescribed criteria would not be eligible for paving by the County until all roads on the current list are paved or dropped.
5. Each owner of record would have to sign a petition requesting the County to consider their private road into the County system.

ADD: 6. Roads must meet recommended standards established by Public Works.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of March 13, 2007 - A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the March 13, 2007 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Stormwater Ordinance, Private Roads, Alternate Funding Sources, Road Maintenance Fee Ordinance – Items listed to be discussed at next meeting on April 24, 2007.

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