

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 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:

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| Debra B. Summers, Chairman | Bobby C. Keisler |
| John W. Carrigg, Jr. | William C. Billy Derrick |

Absent:

*M. Todd Cullum, V Chairman

Mr. Cullum was absent due to illness.

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.

Alternative Paving Recommendation - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director – Mr. Fechtel presented recommendations on alternative paving methods. Staff has developed criteria with the proposed recommendations for three types of road classifications, 1) High Volume Roads (HVR) – roads which have an ADT (average daily traffic) count of 300+/- and have the potential (due to undeveloped tracts adjoining the road) of increased traffic, 2) Low Volume Roads (LVR) – roads with an ADT <300 +/- such as dead-roads, and 3) Commercial Roads (CR) – roads that carry both residential and commercial traffic. Based on these classifications, recommendations can be made on alternate types of base, paving materials and widths, which should be bid as alternatives for budget purposes on these roads. It was requested that the bids would include all types of base for alternatives. Mr. Fechtel also presented a budget recap utilizing alternative paving methods for the following roads already approved for paving; Dogwood Road, Jim Rucker Road, Pelion Road, Backman Drive, Elbert Taylor Road, Jayne Lane, Pleasant Court, Payne Lane, Martin Neese Road, and Shannon Street. If the alternative methods are utilized, the roads listed can be paved for approximately \$1,359,940 less than originally estimated. Backman Drive – Council District 9, Jayne Lane – Council District 5, Pleasant Court – Council District 5, and Shannon Street – Council District 1 have been highlighted for the alternative paving pilot program. The proposed recommendation complies with the County Council’s request for reducing paving costs and may become a pilot program for alternative paving methods. Ms. Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator, added that in the FY 08-09 budget process Council

will see the movement of \$750,000 in the general fund for this project. For information only. No action taken.

Existing Non-paved Dirt Roads Section 4.3.3, Revision - Public Works - Sheri Armstrong, Stormwater Manager – Ms. Armstrong presented staff’s recommendations for revisions to Section 4.3.3 Requirements for Subdividing Land and Paving Roads on an Existing Non-paved County Maintained Dirt Road. The revisions expands the requirements for subdividing and paving a County road based on two design criteria, 1) Total Average Daily Traffic (ADT) which is set to a low volume ADT of 300 vehicles a day and, 2) Density that would be allowed of a certain acreage, tract of land and how much you could divide that tract without being required to pave a dirt road. This process addresses PW/SWD participation with obtaining right-of-ways (ROW), storm drainage easements, provisions for familial subdividing, and private roads.

Ms. Armstrong also presented the proposed procedures for assisting developers with ROW and Storm Drainage Easement Acquisition which included associated fees projected for providing this assistance. The procedures outlined how the proposed fees would be calculated. Staff requested approval to adopt the revisions to Section 4.3.3, approve the proposed procedures and associated fees for ROW assistance and traffic counts. This regulation does not apply to private dirt roads, only county dirt roads. The subdivision of tracts on private dirt roads is handled through the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Carrigg to recommend to full Council to approve staff recommendations for the revisions to Section 4.3.3 Requirements for Subdividing Land and Paving Roads on an Existing Non-paved County Maintained Dirt Road, the draft procedures and associated fees.

The vote was in favor.

Small Residential Land Disturbance Permit - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator - Ms. Williams presented the proposed procedures to obtain a small residential land disturbance permit with the recommended fee requirements. The NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Large and Small Construction Activities (Construction General Permit) requires that land disturbance activities greater than one acre, including single family residential, receive a Construction General permit. The NPDES requirements have been included in the County’s requirements. Ms. Williams indicated that the Small Residential Land Disturbance Permit is so a homebuilder, who is only building one house and disturbing only one acre, would not have to go through the full land disturbance permit process. An associated fee of \$152 was also recommended. Computation of the proposed fees associated with small residential land disturbance permit was outlined.

A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve the Small Residential Land Disturbance Permit process and associated fee of \$152.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Storm Drainage Catch Basin and Access Lids - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator – Ms. Williams reported on information per response to the Public Education minimum measure of the NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Regulated Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). Based on this requirement, the Public Works Stormwater Division (PW/SWD) will require storm drainage catch basin and access lids include a water quality logo. PW/SWD will begin enforcing this requirement after a 30-day grace period. Existing storm drainage lids will be replaced with water quality logo lids as needed. There is no extra charge to developers for this requirement. No need for approval since this is in the Land Development Manual which has been approved. For information only. No action taken.

Old Business/New Business - Policy for skip paving, LCSC citizen appointee – issues to be addressed in upcoming meetings.

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