

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2008**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:00 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.

Partial Legal Closure of Hookdale Road - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director – Mr. Fechtel reported that the Public Works Department has been contacted concerning the partial legal closure of approximately 130' at the end of Hookdale Road (TMS# 005631-01-002) which is currently maintained by the County. Mr. H.G. Hudson, property owner, has petitioned the court for the partial legal closure to remove it from his property. The road is located in Springdale in Council District 4. Staff recommends approval of the partial legal closure of Hookdale Road at no cost to the County and contingent upon the approval by the Town of Springdale. The property owner is paying all legal costs.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendation for the partial legal closure of Hookdale Road at no cost to the County.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) (Goal 2) - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator – Ms. Williams reported on the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) from the Water Quality Buffer Requirements in the Land Development Manual. TMDL is the daily maximum load of a pollutant a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is responsible for setting water quality standards for the state. These standards are approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and prescribe designated uses for a

water body (i.e. recreational, aquatic life support, fish consumption, etc.). Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires states to submit a list of sites that do not meet the approved water quality standards. Ms. Williams provided a table of the sites for 2006 303(d) list and a draft for 2008 303(d) list with current TMDLs and their associated maps. She noted that once established, a TMDL does not expire but can be revised. She indicated that they are creating partnerships with DHEC, Soil and Water Conservation District, NRCS and Clemson Extension. For information only, no action taken.

\$750,000 Pilot Program - Alternative Road Paving Candidates (Goal 3) - Public Works –

Jim Starling, Engineering Associate - Mr. Starling reported that Public Works has compiled the list of roads for the \$750,000 Alternative Road Paving Program from the original FY 2003-04 “C” Fund list approved in 2003. Mr. Starling presented the proposed adjusted priority list by Council district and by priority number. He said the adjusted list is basically the same as the original with the top ten roads removed and each road adjusted up by one. An effort was made to include at least one road from each Council district so each would have a road represented in their district with the alternative paving program.

The following candidates were selected for alternative road paving methods based on length, location, average daily traffic of less than 300, and priority ranking:

Roads previously approved by Council to be funded by “C” Funds for alternative paving:

1. Shannon Street – District #1
2. Jayne Lane – District #5
3. Pleasant Court – District #5
4. Backman Drive – District #9

\$750,000 Pilot Program using alternative paving (listed by new ranking):

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| 2. Greenbriar Drive – District #6 | *14. Naomi Drive – District #2 |
| 4. Glenn Street – District #9 | 15. Fox Trot Trail from Windywood Road
easterly to deadend – District #1 |
| 6. Old Charleston Road from Pelion Road to
Fish Hatchery – District #1 | 16. Heidelberg Drive – District #2 |
| 9. Artic Court – District #6 | 26. Three Chop Run – District #4 |
| 11. Flamigo Road – District #6 | 39. Westwood Circle – District #8 |
| 12. Point Drive – District #3 | 170. Steward Drive – District #7 |

*special note: Naomi Drive is attached by Pine Ridge Drive (ranked #84). A portion of Pine Ridge was paved in the late 1980s when Rickard Drive was originally paved. It has 240 feet remaining to be paved and can be paved with Naomi.

Mr. Carrigg expressed concerns about paving Steward Drive (Ranked #170) which accesses the City of Columbia’s water tower. This is the only dirt road in Mr. Carrigg’s district that has been petitioned to be paved.

The Committee inquired about the status of paving Pelion Road. Mr. John Fachtel, Public Works

Director, responded that Pelion Road was one of the last ones on the list approved in 2003-04. He said that looking at the budget every road that Public Works recommended for 2008-09 is ahead of Pelion Road. According to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) it will cost approximately \$2.3 million for a section of Pelion Road plus what the County has already paid for the preliminary engineering and design cost. SCDOT is paving Pelion Road. Mr. Fechtel said that based on its ranking it should be paved FY 2009/2010 year; it is not in the FY 2008/2009 budget.

Staff is requesting approval of the proposed adjusted priority list submitted for the \$750,000 Pilot Program – Alternative Road Paving Candidates. The \$750,000 is based on budget approval for the FY 2008-09. The running total is estimated at \$796,435. Mr. Fechtel indicated that some of the road bids may come in less than \$750,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend to full Council to accept staff's recommendation for the proposed \$750,000 Pilot Program – Alternative Road Paving Candidates, the \$750,000 is based on budget approval for the FY 2008-09.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of February 26, 2008 – A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the February 26, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Road Improvement List – Staff was asked about status of the road improvement list for the County Delegation. Mr. John Fechtel, Public Works Director, responded that they have met with the Central Midlands Council of Governments and the South Carolina Department of Transportation and a report should be ready by the next meeting.

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