

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

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

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.

2009 Kid's Day of Lexington - Public Works - Sheri Armstrong, Stormwater Manager -

Ms. Armstrong presented staff's request for funds to participate in the 2009 Kid's Day of Lexington. The request is for \$50 for the booth rental fee to be taken from the Air Quality Supplies Account (521210). The event is scheduled for April 25, 2009 at the Virginia Hilton Park in Lexington. She said they participated in Kid's Day last year as part of the "Green Mile" which was a group of environmentally focused booths providing educational information on air and water quality. The funds benefit the Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter and the Dickerson Center for Children.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request for the 2009 Kid's Day of Lexington booth rental fee of \$50.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Banning was not present at the time the vote was taken.

2009 Electric Lawn Mower Exchange (Goal 2) - Public Works - Sheri Armstrong,

Stormwater Manager -Ms. Armstrong presented staff's request for funds to participate in the 2009 Electric Lawn Mower Exchange. The request is for \$3,400 to be used for the County's portion towards funding of the exchange. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the University of South Carolina. Ms. Armstrong said they propose to provide Neutron electric mowers at a reduced cost of \$274 (normally priced at more than \$400). The first arrivals who trade in a gas powered mower will receive a \$75 coupon to reduce the purchase price of the electric mower to \$199. Patricia Moore-Pastides, the wife of the president of the University of South Carolina, is very interested in what the County is doing and is proposing a "Green Day"

with booths during this event. Staff is requesting \$3,400 from the Air Quality Supplies Account (521210) which has a balance of \$3,500.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request for funds to participate in the 2009 Electric Lawn Mower Exchange in the amount of \$3,400.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Banning was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Norfolk Southern Railroad Agreement - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented the agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad for the paving of Dogwood Road. The cost of the contract for Norfolk Southern, without signal lights, is \$28,567. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. Staff recommends paying the \$28,567 in order to proceed with the project.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendation to pay Norfolk Southern Railroad Company \$28,567 to cover cost with widening and improvement of the public crossing in order to move forward with the paving of Dogwood Road.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Banning was not present at the time the vote was taken.

2009 Enhancement Grant Application Preview - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented one project for the FY 08-09 Enhancement Grants which are due March 4, 2009. Representative Nikki Haley has requested a section of sidewalk on Yachting Road. Mr. Fechtel identified the location of the proposed sidewalk between Catawba Trail and Maritime Trail. The enhancement grants are 60-40 matches with the local match at 40 percent. He said the project cost could be approximately \$240,000. Mr. Fechtel reported that in August the South Carolina Department of Transportation projected the County's revenues would be reduced by approximately \$80,000 and that the revenues were holding steady but there still may be some revenue shortfalls by the end of the year. The proposed sidewalk does not connect to anything such as a school and can be postponed until later. The Committee agreed not to proceed with this project. For information only, no action taken.

Road Bids Recap - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented recaps on two road bids, Jim Rucker Road and Taylor Road which are to be presented to Council today under Bids/Purchases/RFPs. He reported that for paving Jim Rucker Road bids, were made on materials to include crusher run, recycled crushed concrete and sand clay to meet the South Carolina Department of Transportation specifications and bids for triple treatment or hot laid asphalt. He noted that the road width has been reduced. Staff's recommendations after review of bids received was for 2" hot laid asphalt at \$808,153.

Mr. Fechtel reported that for paving Taylor Road the low bid came from Newman Construction at \$504,122.80. He said the County committed \$275,000 towards this project and has used \$8,000 to finish the plans and bid specs leaving a balance of \$267,000 from the County. The additional funds necessary for this project is \$237,122.80. Staff recommends approval of the bid with the contingency that the contract and purchase order to the contractor will not be signed until the County has the additional funds secured from the developer. For information only, no action taken.

Old Business/New Business - Alternate Paving - Committee asked if staff was still working towards the Alternate Paving and will look forward to more information in the coming weeks.

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