

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:30 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.

Intergovernmental Agreement for Assistance with NFIP Program Between Lexington County and the Towns of Chapin, Gilbert, Summit, Pine Ridge, Swansea, and Irmo (Goal 2) - Public Works/Stormwater Management - Chris Stone, Floodplain Manager - Mr. Stone presented the Intergovernmental Agreement for assistance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). He said that since 1982 when Lexington County entered into the program, the County has handled the flood programs for Chapin, Gilbert, Summit, Pine Ridge, Swansea, and Irmo. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) is requiring these municipalities to adopt Lexington County's Stormwater Ordinance and sign an intergovernmental agreement in order to be compliant with the Federal Floodplain Regulations. A question was asked if a municipality has land in two different counties – are they going to be required to sign the other county's plan. Staff requests approval to allow the County Administrator signature authority for the agreements.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendation for the proposed agreement and to allow the County Administrator signature authority for the Intergovernmental Agreement for Assistance with the NFIP Program.

Mr. Stone confirmed that municipalities can be "kicked out" of the NFIP Program if they are not in compliance but are given ample time to correct the problem.

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

Consideration of Derrick Hollow Road Paving - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director -

Mr. Fechtel presented a request from Mr. Richard Derrick to pave Derrick Hollow Road. (Mr. Richard Derrick is not related to Councilman William Derrick.) Derrick Hollow Road was designed and right-of-way obtained but the road was not contracted to pave due to budget constraints. Mr. Fechtel reported, however, there was one condemnation on the road and according to research, the individual no longer owns the property on Derrick Hollow Road. He said that in the past, roads scheduled to be paved were later dropped due to condemnation or lack of funding. Derrick Hollow Road ranks 274 out of nearly 300 roads listed on the County's current list of roads to be paved. Currently, the road does not have a legitimate right-of-way document. The Committee defended the County's ranking system and does not want to go outside of the ranking system but suggested that if there is an opportunity to use alternate paving methods and do it in-house for a fraction of the cost, they would like to try it on Derrick Hollow Road. For information only, no action taken.

Swansea Enhancement Grant Application - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director -

Mr. Fechtel presented a request from the Town of Swansea for \$50,000 in "C" Funds. The funds would match a recently approved SCDOT Enhancement Grant for the Swansea Entrance Plaza project. The Town spent \$21,461 from a previous \$50,000 match for the Swansea Downtown Revitalization Phase III project. They are requesting to use the \$28,539 balance and add \$21,451 (should be \$21,461) to total \$50,000 for the new project. Staff recommends approval of this request which would leave \$187,926 in the "C" Funds Special Projects Unclassified Account.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendation to approve the Town of Swansea's request for "C" Funds for the SCDOT Enhancement Grant.

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

Traffic Signal - Lexington County School District 3 - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director

- Mr. Fechtel reported that the Public Works Department received a letter from the Town of Batesburg-Leesville in reference to the traffic problem at the B-L Primary School located on Highway 391 (Summerland Avenue). The South Carolina Department of Transportation has not approved a light for this location or provided an estimate. Staff has estimated a traffic light at this location would be approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000. Mr. Fechtel said \$75,000 is available in the FY 2008/09 "C" Funds account (2700-121300-529901) for school projects. Staff recommends approving fifty percent of the cost of the traffic light on Summerland Avenue with a maximum amount of \$30,000 based on the final costs. If the costs exceed \$60,000 the School District or the Town of Batesburg-Leesville would provide the additional funding. Mr. Fechtel said the school has agreed to spend \$30,000 for this project. The Committee suggested revisiting this project if the money is not allocated by the end of the fiscal year to see if there is any additional money left from the \$75,000 "C" Funds account for school projects to possibly increase the County's contribution towards the traffic light.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendation to approve fifty percent of the cost of a traffic light at the B-L Primary School on Highway 391 (Summerland Avenue) with a maximum amount of \$30,000 and to increase the amount if funds remain in the "C" Fund account at the end of the fiscal year if the funds have not been allocated at that time.

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

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of January 13, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the January 13, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Traffic Congestion, Alternate Paving, SCDOT Snow & Ice Removal Contract - None.

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