

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

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:55 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

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

Absent:

*John W. Carrigg, Jr.

*Mr. Carrigg was out of town.

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.

Old Business - Alternate Paving - Mr. John Fechtel, Public Works Director, reported that a full presentation on Alternate Paving would be made at the next Committee Meeting on March 24, 2009. Since January three roads have been completed; Heidelberg, Point Drive, and Arctic Court. Old Charleston Road from Pelion Road to Fish Hatchery, Naomi Drive, and Stewart Drive are under construction and estimated to be complete by the end of March. Triple treatment will be used on Old Charleston Road, Greenbriar Drive, Glen Street, and Foxtrot Trail. Mr. Fechtel said there are some requests for municipalities to do some roads inside their municipality with municipal funds, which Public Works is evaluating. The list may be expanded due to trends for alternate paving methods if the funds are available.

New Business - Stimulus Money for Sidewalks - Mr. Fechtel reported on the application process, through SCDOT, for \$500,000 in stimulus money for sidewalks. This money is available for the entire County including municipalities. The eligible projects should have existing curb and gutters in place as well as right-of-ways and be completed by the end of July 31, 2009. Deadline for applications are due by March 31, 2009. Municipalities are already applying for this money. The Committee asked Ms. Hubbard to contact Mr. Norman Whitaker, Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) executive director, and ask that he to send notification to all municipalities about the availability of the stimulus money. Mr. Fechtel said

he would provide a list of the requests that SCDOT has received so far and if there are any projects that the County would like to submit to let him know before the deadline.

Old Business- Snow and Ice Removal Contract Update - Mr. Fechtel reported on the Snow and Ice Removal contract situation with SCDOT. The Committee expressed concerns since Public Works has been mobilized twice this year due to the threat of inclement weather without a signed contract between the County and SCDOT. Mr. Fechtel said, absent the contract, that there is a mutual aid agreement with the State that follows all the FEMA guidelines for such events. He said all the issues have been taken care of on the contract and it has been forwarded to the State Highway engineer's office.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting for January 27, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the January 27, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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