

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

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:15 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; 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.

“C” Fund Five (5) Year Plan and RFQ - Public Works (Goals 1,2) - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a proposed five-year plan, based on the priority list, for paving roads using “C” Funds. The proposed plan is for FY2009/10 through FY2013/14 using approximately \$2,400,000 of “C” Funds per year for funding. In addition, Mr. Fechtel provided an updated priority list listing all roads in rank order from number 1 through number 307 after deleting the following first ten roads that were approved in FY2003: Pelion Road, Dunn Lane, Backman Drive, Elbert Taylor Road, Jayne Lane, Pleasant Court, Bray Park Road, Payne Lane, Martin Neese Road, and Shannon Street. Mr. Fechtel said since 2003 no roads have been changed (Note: except for the 12 roads that were funded through the Alternate paving plan which had been deleted from the updated priority list) on the list and that the updated list presented will remain intact for five years. The Committee requested a status report and a picture slide presentation of the above ten roads that were approved in 2003.

In the 5-year plan for FY2009/10 through FY2013/14, the following 25 roads are programmed to be paved : 1) Bitternut Court, 2) Windywood Rd., 3) Jim Spence Rd., 4) Fox Branch Rd., 5) D.E. Clark Rd., 6) First Creek Rd., 7) Bub Shumpert Rd., 8) Harvestview Rd., 9) Water Tank Rd., 1&3 from Exist Pave to Harvey Berry Rd., 10) Phaeton Dr., 11) Ruth Vista Rd., 12) A.C. Bouknight Rd., 13) Bub Shumpert Rd. from Harley Quarter to Hwy. 178, 14) Cool Water Court, 15) Harvestview Rd., from Crooked Creek to John Lindler, 16) Alice Dr., #1, 17) Old Charleston Rd, #2 from Pond Branch to Calks Ferry, 18) Holley Tree St., 19) Pine Plain Rd. #5 from Redmond Mill to St. Matthews Rd., 20) Golden Jubilee Rd. from # to Windy Rd., 21)Cherry Lane, 1, 22) Roland Dr., 23) Johns Creek Rd., 24) Foremost Dr., and 25) Backman Ave.

Mr. Fechtel gave a brief outline of each column shown on the proposed list; County estimated cost, Engineering Firm estimated cost, SCDOT estimated cost, Running Estimated Cost, Petitioned Length, and Total Road Length. After the proposed plan has been approved staff requested to proceed with a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to solicit two engineering firms to handle the roads indicated on the list under Engineering Firms.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to accept staff's recommendations for the proposed "C" Fund Five -Year Plan and allow staff to seek competitive bids for engineering firms through the RFQ process for roads only.

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

Emergency Only Traffic Signal - Lake Murray Boulevard (Zoning Map Amendment M08-10) - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel reported on the installation of an "Emergency Only" traffic signal on Lake Murray Boulevard at the North Lake Fire Station. The new signal will allow the Fire Station to activate the emergency red light so that fire trucks will have a safer access to Lake Murray Boulevard. The estimated cost from SCDOT is \$21,000. Mr. Fechtel said the cost of the traffic signal will be shared equally between Irmo Fire District, the developer, and the County for one-third at \$7,000 each. Staff requests approval to use \$7,000 from the "C" Fund Special Projects account for the County's contribution.

A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendation to use \$7,000 from the "C" Fund Special Projects account for the "Emergency Only" traffic signal.

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

The Committee requested information on the traffic light at the Corley Mill Fire Station and Highway 378. Staff will provide an update at the next Committee meeting on April 14, 2009.

March 2009 Alternate Paving Program Update (Goals 1,2) - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a power point presentation and report on the Alternate Paving Program update. He said the County was not contracting out the engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction as they are being done in-house. A status report on the Maintenance Paving Program roads and "C" Fund roads was provided for review. The power-point presentation included a map with the location of each road, before and after pictures, materials and costs .

The Committee asked if "C" Funds could be used to pay the County's labor and material costs. Mr. Fechtel replied that it was very possible since it is a project cost. It was noted that the County's costs reflected about a fourth of what the work is being bid out for. The Committee discussed doing in-house paving if we are able to utilize the "C" Funds to pay the County.

Mr. Fechtel pointed out on the chart provided that triple treatment with hot mix asphalt as an alternate option will be bid out in late March and used on Old Charleston Road, Greenbriar Drive, Glenn Street, and Fox Trot Trail. He said the County does not have the capability to do triple treatment and every bid put out to a contractor will have triple treatment as an option. Staff will provide regular updates on the Alternate Paving Project in the same format presented today. For information only, no action taken.

SCDOT Bid - Pelion Road - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a letter from SCDOT with a map of the Pelion Road location. SCDOT has provided costs for paving 1.428 miles of Pelion Road. (The total estimated cost is \$1,538,706.12 minus the previous amount sent to SCDOT of \$156,380.34, which leaves a balance of \$1,382,325.78.) Staff recommends approving \$1,382,325.75 to SCDOT for Pelion Road.

A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendation for the \$1,382,325.75 to SCDOT for Pelion Road.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Economic Stimulus - Sidewalk Enhancement Application Follow-up - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel provided follow-up information on the economic stimulus funding for sidewalk enhancements. He said he contacted Mr. Thad Brunson, SCDOT District One Engineering Administrator and SCDOT is looking at Hwy. 60, including sidewalks that were left out when they widened Hwy. 60 because of budget constraints and projects in the Oak Grove and West Columbia areas. Mr. Fechtel said Mr. Brunson indicated if the municipalities were on SCDOT's list, the County did not have to make a formal application. There is \$500,000 available in stimulus funding for Lexington County which is estimated to be two miles of sidewalk. As reported before, one of the requirements will be that there be an existing curb on the road with no engineering or right-of-way issues and be considered "shovel ready." For information only, no action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of February 10, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the February 10, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

New Business - Stage Coach Road and Betty Drive - Mr. Kinard reported he has received calls from residents on Stage Coach Road and Betty Drive about the condition of the roads.

He asked about adding millage to the owners' property that live on these dirt road, if 90% of them approved, in order to have the roads paved. The owners would pay that millage until the road paving is paid. Mr. Fechtel responded this has been done in the past for a privately maintained road. Staff requested to research the information.

New Business - Owners Upgrading Private Roads to be Considered for County Maintained Roads - Mr. Keisler asked about owners having the option to pay to get their privately maintained dirt roads brought up to County specifications, out of their pocket, in order to be considered for County maintenance. Staff requested to bring information back to the next meeting.

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