

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2010**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:20 p.m. Mr. Derrick, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

William C. Derrick, Chairman
William B. Banning, Sr.

Bobby C. Keisler
James E. Kinard, Jr.

Absent:

*John W. Carrigg, V Chairman

*Mr. Carrigg was not present due to illness.

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.

Alternate Paving Program Update (Goals 2,3) - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel first pointed out errors in the Alternate Paving Program recap sheet provided in the agenda packet. He presented the corrected information and will provide a copy for distribution to the Committee. In the recap, of the \$750,000 budgeted, \$306,809 has been utilized to complete paving of 2.47 miles. Mr. Fechtel reported there were right-of-way issues with two of the roads on the list, Flamingo Road (District Six) and Three Chop Run (District Four) that prohibit paving and he would like to return to the Committee at the next meeting with replacement roads for the two council districts. It was also recommended to add Derrick Hollow to the paving list if funds were available. Staff presented a PowerPoint presentation on the fourteen roads listed. The Committee agreed to move forward with staff recommendations and staff to return with updates at the February 9, 2010 Committee meeting. For information only, no action taken.

Flooding Issues - Irmo/St. Andrews (Goal 2) - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel reported on the serious flooding issues in the Irmo/St. Andrews area due to the above normal rainfall. Mr. Fechtel said the County could get assistance through FEMA for as much as 75 percent of the cost through their mitigation plan. Staff will return with recommendations including estimated costs. For information only, no action taken.

Old Bush River Road Partial Closing Update - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented an update on the partial closing of Old Bush River Road. He reported the attorneys representing the closing want Council's approval before continuing with the legal proceedings. The portion requested to be closed for private access is approximately 278 feet at the end of Old Bush River Road. There are four property owners involved with one property owner who has not responded to the road closing. The County Attorney said that they have to bring a court action to close the road and all they are asking the county is if they have any objections. Mr. Fechtel said the 278 feet will be the only access the owners have to their property and that they are looking at a

private road maintenance agreement with all the property owners. The owners will be responsible for all legal costs.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Banning that a private road maintenance agreement between the property owners be in place prior to submission to full Council for approval.

Mr. Derrick asked that the private road maintenance agreement be presented to the Committee as part of the recommendation prior to their approval of the road closing.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Fechtel advised the Committee that during this past winter the County has seen extreme amounts of rainfall and that Public Works is doing all they can do to keep roads passable. He said if you receive calls, please note that all Public Works special project and drainage crews are working on roads and trying to address the road issues. For information only, no action taken.

2009 NPDES Annual Report (Goal 2) - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator - Ms. Williams presented the 2009 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Annual Report for Council's review and approval. The report is due to South Carolina Department of Environmental Control by February 1, 2010. Ms. Williams reported the County will have its first 5-year audit next week by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control (DHEC). She presented highlights of the NPDES Annual Report with measurable goals which included the Lexington County-wide Stormwater Consortium's Year End Report prepared by Clemson Extension and the County's recently updated Stormwater Management Program. Ms. Williams said the report addresses items listed in DHEC's January 10, 2008 compliance check. In addition, Mr. Fechtel reported there were 1,200 outfalls being inspected and possibly tested once every five years. Ms. Williams added that the number of outfalls have been reduced by approximately 70 percent by working with DHEC to streamline the program to 400 outfalls and could be reduced even lower.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to accept staff's recommendations and approve the 2009 NPDES Annual Report.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Traffic Congestion, Alternate Material for Road Swells, New Road - Corley Mill/Riverchase, Assessment of Ponds Inventory - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

William C. Derrick
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk