

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2010**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:35 p.m. Mr. Derrick, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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| William C. Derrick, Chairman | John W. Carrigg, Jr., V Chairman |
| Bobby C. Keisler | William B. Banning, Sr. |
| James E. Kinard, Jr. | |

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.

“C” Fund Road Paving Update - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented an update on “C” Fund Road Paving Projects. Staff presented estimated costs outlined for the following five roads: Jim Spence Road at \$750,000; Fox Branch Road at \$355,000; A.C. Bouknight Road at \$1,500,000; Windy Wood Road 1 at \$1,200,000; and D.E. Clark Road engineering costs at \$200,000. Public Works has budgeted approximately \$4,224,000 to pave roads for this fiscal year. Staff recommends approval of the budgetary amount outlined for the five roads presented. Mr. Fechtel reported that the balance of \$219,000 could be used toward the Goldstone Road Bridge Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff’s recommendation to approve the five roads submitted under “C” Fund Road Paving projects.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

New Business - Forward Looking Infra Red (FLIR) Units - Mr. Fechtel reported that some counties are hiring helicopters to use FLIR units to find illicit discharges which could be a leaking sewer line adjacent to a creek. He said, under the County NPDES Permit, the County is held responsible for cleaning up contaminated creeks. This would be a very low cost asset, in addition to Law Enforcement, to help the County’s NPDES Program. For information only.

Nursery Road Bridge Feasibility Evaluation - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director -

Mr. Edwards, Public Works County Engineer, presented the Nursery Road Bridge Feasibility Evaluation performed by the LPA Group. Staff presented options for constructing a bridge at the Big Coldstream Dam along Nursery Road where a prior bridge existed as compared to replacing the Goldstone Drive bridge. It is estimated that the design cost for the Nursery Road bridge is \$237,500 (Goldstone Road bridge is estimated at \$141,581) with the estimated cost range for construction at \$870,000 to \$1,100,000 (Goldstone Road bridge is estimated at \$400,000 - \$700,000) for a difference of approximately \$500,000. The right-of-way needs to be established for the Nursery Road route. The property is owned by Bernice Haynes who purchased it at a tax sale and has failed to pay the taxes. The Committee asked Mr. Fechtel about funding for the bridge. He responded that if the project needs above the \$630,000 that is available now, then a "C" Fund Project may need to be postponed until the next fiscal year.

A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve the recommendations for the Nursery Road route, close the Goldstone Road bridge route, resolve any right-of-way issues; and, if right-of-way fails, to return on December 23, 2010 to discuss.

In favor: Mr. Carrigg Mr. Banning
Mr. Derrick Mr. Keisler

Opposed: Mr. Kinard

Adopt-A-Spot Programs - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator - Ms. Williams presented information on Adopt-A-Spot Programs. She researched four programs in North Carolina in the towns of Rocky Mount, Waxhaw, Ahoskie, and Matthews. She noted that the Rocky Mount program is similar to the Adopt-A-Highway Program. The Committee asked staff to pass this information along to the county municipalities and the local Keep America Beautiful chapter. For information only, no action taken.

Old Business - Goldstone Road Bridge/Pedestrian Walkway - Mr. Carrigg asked if the cost to remove the Goldstone Road bridge was in the estimate provided and could it be barricaded to be used as a walking area. Staff responded that the Goldstone Road bridge could be turned into a pedestrian bridge. There would be no costs involved in just leaving the bridge as is and blocking through traffic.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of October 12, 2010 - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the October 12, 2010 minutes as submitted.

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, Flooding Issues, 5-Year "C" Fund Update; D.E. Clark Road R-O-W Update, and Stormwater Land Development Manual Chapter 7 - 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