

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2010**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, September 28, 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	Bobby C. Keisler
William B. Banning, Sr.	James E. Kinard, Jr.

Absent:

\*John W. Carrigg, Jr., V Chairman

\*Mr. Carrigg was not present due during the meeting.

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 5-Year List Update - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director** - Mr. Fechtel and Mr. Jim Starling, Public Works Engineering Associate III, presented an update on the “C” Fund 5-Year List. Mr. Fechtel recognized Ms. Tina Feaster “C” Program Coordinator with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). Mr. Fechtel reviewed the 5-year list approved by Council in April, 2009 along with the Status Report for the 25 roads listed. The status report highlighted the various phases of each project. Staff plans to return by the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with recommendations for roads with major issues and whether or not to drop them from the paving list. Public Works will conduct traffic counts on the roads that they cannot obtain right-of-way and return to Council for approval on alternative options. Mr. Fechtel said the alternatives to paving these roads would be to drop the road from the paving list or condemnation. The Committee discussed the alternative options. Staff will be reviewing each project within the next 30 days to clean up the paving list to present to Council for approval.

Mr. Chris Durette, a resident of D.E. Clark Road, said he had received a letter last year indicating that D.E. Clark Road was programmed for paving and it was his understanding that most of the residents had not returned the letters. Mr. Derrick responded that Council, as a body, was not prepared to, first of all, condemn, or secondly, to pave for profit which allows the County’s “C” Funds to spread a lot further and pave more roads. If those who live on the road are not willing to give the County the right-of-way needed, then the County has no choice but to skip that road and move onto another. Mr. Durette said if you do not receive letters back why not accept that as they do not care. Mr. Derrick replied that the County must have right-of-way easements from the property owners or go through the process of obtaining right-of-ways. Mr. Fechtel said he would contact property owners on D.E. Clark Road and provide an update at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Fechtel also presented a request from Fire Services to use "C" Funds to pave a section of Fire Tower Road adjacent to the new Lake Murray Fire Station. The section is approximately 3-400 feet and estimated at \$37,000. Mr. Fechtel reported there is adequate money available for the project and it would allow Fire Service to use the \$37,000 for fire service equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to use "C" Funds to pave a section of Fire Tower Road.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Central Electric Power - Power Line Easement - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director -** Mr. Fechtel presented a request from Central Electric Power for power line easement at the Batesburg-Leesville Industrial Park. The easement will require 4.310 acres of County property located at the junction of Carmel Court and the northeast property line. Carolina Electric Power has made an offer of \$29,600 for the property. The County Attorney is currently reviewing the agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve the request from Carolina Electric Power contingent upon final review and approval of the agreement by the County Attorney.

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 - 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