

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2011**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman Bobby C. Keisler, V Chairman
K. Brad Matthews

Absent:

*William B. Banning, Sr.
**James E. Kinard, Jr.

*Mr. Banning was not present due to a meeting with SCDOT.

**Mr. Kinard was not present due to his work schedule.

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, III, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; 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.

Update on the Legal Closure (Portion) of Ben Kyzer Drive - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director of Public Works/Assistant County Administrator - Mr. Randy Edwards, Public Works Engineer, presented information regarding the civil action filed to close approximately 0.75 miles of Ben Kyzer Drive. Ben Kyzer Drive is a dirt road approximately 1.2 miles long and located in between Crout Pond Way and Two Notch Road in Gilbert with a portion of the road located on top of a pond dam. The closure would add approximately 0.72 miles in travel distance. Staff reported the daily traffic count ranges from 82-160 per day. Fire Service, EMS, and the Sheriff's Department expressed concerns about the additional travel distance on the adjoining dirt roads. The County has received a petition with 61 signatures from residents opposing the road closure. Public Works staff is not opposed to the closing as it would be less maintenance cost and safety issues for the County.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Matthews to recommend full Council oppose the closure of a portion of Ben Kyzer Drive.

The civil court will recognize Council's decision based on recommendations from Public Safety; however, it will be the court's final decision.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Meeting of September 13, 2011 - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the September 13, 2011 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business - Frye Road - Mr. Edwards reported that Frye Road, adjacent to the new River Bluff High School, is currently number 44 on the list of County roads scheduled to be paved. Based on the current funding, it is estimated that it would be 10-12 years before it is actually paved. There are some right-of-way issues due to opposition and wetlands fill issues. Mr. Cullum said he understood the School was to pay half of the paving. The Committee requested the County's cost to pave the other half of Frye Road.

Old Business - Status of Chaney Road Closing - Mr. Edwards reported that two property owners' heirs have not responded. Chaney Road is located in Pelion.

Old Business - Nursery Road Bridge Update - Mr. Edwards said he had provided an email with status last week. He reported that currently work was in full force doing investigations and should see construction begin in June 2012. Mr. Edwards briefly listed the schedule as follows: October 2011 - Wetlands, Survey, Traffic Study, Geotechnical; November 2011 - Hydraulic Design; Dec 2011 - Foundation Design; February 1, 2012 - Preliminary Road Plans Complete; April, 2012 - Receive Dam Permit; April 7, 2012 - Advertise for Construction; June 2012 - Begin Construction.

Old Business - Kinley Creek - Mr. Matthews reported he received an email about a large tree down in Kinley Creek near Locklear Road. The constituent indicated that the County owned part of the plat and understood that Mr. Don Rumbaugh with Public Works was looking into this matter. Mr. Edwards said he was aware of the incident but did not know the status.

Old Business - New Road/Corley Mill/Riverchase - Mr. Cullum reported there was a meeting yesterday with Lexington School District One, SCDOT and Council concerning the Corley Mill and Riverchase road project. The Committee asked to get a review of the school's bond documents.

Old Business/New Business - Traffic Congestion, Alternate Material for Road Swells, Flooding Issues/Kinley Creek Criteria, Stormwater Land Development Manual Chapter 7, Stormwater Utility Fee Update - None.

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