

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2011**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman
Kenneth Brad Matthews
James E. Kinard, Jr.

Bobby C. Keisler, V Chairman
William B. Banning, Sr.

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.

2011 SCDOT Enhancement Grant Application - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director

- Mr. Fechtel presented a request to apply for the 2011 SCDOT Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$145,000. The County's local match is 40 percent at \$96,666 which would be available from the "C" Fund Special Projects account (\$42,352) plus the recently completed Jim Rucker Road paving account (\$54,314). The total project allocation would be \$241,666. Mr. Fechtel reported three sidewalk requests were evaluated for consideration. Staff recommended the Bush River Road Project which would extend the existing sidewalk near K-Mart to Green Pine Road at an estimated cost of \$234,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Matthews to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to apply for the 2011 SCDOT Enhancement Grant.

The Committee discussed the Enhancement Grant requirements and the timeframe for completion of the sidewalk project. Mr. Fechtel estimated it could take approximately one year.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Goldstone Bridge Replacement Options (Goal 2) - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director

- Mr. Fechtel and Mr. Randy Edwards, County Engineer, presented the options available for the Goldstone Road Bridge replacement. Mr. Fechtel reported the analysis has been completed and staff recommends the construction of a bridge on Nursery Road. This is the more expensive option; however, it would provide more connectivity throughout the

whole subdivision from Lake Murray to Bush River Road than the existing route with the Goldstone Road Bridge and improve public safety response time. The Goldstone Road Bridge project is estimated at \$842,000 and the Nursery Road Bridge project is estimated at \$1,337,500. Staff has identified funding for either project once approved by Council. Funds already allocated \$13,842; SCDOT Match Program \$500,000; contingency \$615,672 for a total of \$1,129,514. The Committee discussed the options presented and impact on both routes.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve building the Nursery Road Bridge. The motion received no second.

Mr. Banning withdrew the motion.

The Committee discussed educating the communities involved about the options presented.

Mr. Cullum requested the Committee postpone making a decision until after Mr. Jeffcoat and Mr. Matthews meet with the communities in their districts to get a general consensus of those directly involved then return to the Committee with recommendations.

Twenty-five Percent (25%) "C" Fund Requirement/AC Bouknight Road Paving - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request for the twenty-five percent "C" Fund requirements to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). Lexington County is required to expend a minimum of twenty-five percent of the annual allotment of C-Funds on the SCDOT Road Maintenance System. SCDOT is requesting "C" Funds to pave A.C. Bouknight Road. Mr. Fechtel reported that would require \$1,080,000 and fulfill the County's twenty-five percent requirement for this year and last year. Mr. Fechtel said Council needs to review the policy on how "C" Funds are expended with SCDOT in the next 30 days and evaluate for the next two-year cycle. Staff recommends approving the \$1,080,000 for the A.C. Bouknight paving project available in the "C" Funds Unclassified account

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Matthews to recommend to full Council to approve "C" Funds to SCDOT for the A.C. Bouknight Road paving project.

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, Stormwater Land Development Manual Chapter 7 - Mr. Fechtel reported that the pond inventory is part of the draft MS4 permit and will be presented at the next meeting along with other items.

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