

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2011**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:50 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, 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.

Annual SCDOT “C” Fund Review 2009-2010 - Public Works, John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Randy Edwards, County Engineer, presented the Annual SCDOT “C” Fund Review 2009-2010. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) conducts annual reviews of the County Transportation Committee (CTC) as required in compliance with state law. Mr. Edwards reported that on March 8, 2011 SCDOT conducted an audit on Public Works handling of “C” Funds and found two areas of deficiency. Of the two, it was found that one was a misnomer on the part of SCDOT as they selected a project that SCDOT had managed. The second deficiency was missing bond copies for a project file. Mr. Edwards said the overall review went well. For information only, no action taken.

Nursery Road Bridge Recommendation (Goal 2) - Public Works, Randy Edwards, County Engineer - Mr. Edwards presented staff recommendations for Nursery Road Bridge. Staff is recommending to proceed with the construction of a new structure at the Nursery Road location and that funds have been identified for the project at an anticipated total cost of \$1,450,000. (The funds have been identified from the “C” Fund Program using balances from prior SCDOT projects known as Contingency \$615,672, unused SCDOT match \$500,000 and the Unclassified Account \$3,372,937.) In addition, staff provided a list of benefits that the new Nursery Road Bridge would provide for the community. Mr. Edwards included cost comparisons for both Nursery Road and Goldstone Road bridge.

A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve staff’s recommendations to build the Nursery Road Bridge.

The Committee discussed the funding sources. Mr. Edwards reported that funds for the Nursery Road Bridge would come from \$615,672 Contingency (unencumbered funds), \$500,000 of unused SCDOT match with the remaining portion from the Unclassified Account of \$3,372,937 (leaving a \$3.1 balance). Ms. Hubbard reported no improvements would be made to the Goldstone Road Bridge, if Council chooses. Mr. Edwards said a sidewalk is included with the construction of the new bridge. Staff does not anticipate any additional project costs related to the realignment of Kiawah Road. Staff is recommending a truss style bridge which is the lowest price for that span of bridge. Ms. Hubbard replied that the "C" funds allocated for this project will not be taking money away from any project that has already been allocated. The County is using unallocated funds toward a new project by using only approximately \$200,000 from the Unclassified Account leaving just over \$3 million. The Committee asked if the "C" fund contributions from the State will be less than last year. Staff reported they have seen no indication that funding will be any less than last year.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of February 22 and March 8, 2011 - A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the February 22 and March 8, 2011 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, Flooding Issues-Kinley Creek Criteria, 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

M. Todd Cullum
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk