



MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

July 8, 2014

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Chairman

Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I

Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

The Transportation Committee met at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Administrator Scott Moulder and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

Staff Present: Mr. Mack Kelly, County Engineer; Mr. Kyle Reid, Asst. Manager Roads & Bridges Department.

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler / Anderson Independent & Dick Mangrum / WGOG Radio.

Call to Order:

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to approve the April 8, 2014 minutes as presented.

Discussion & Action Regarding the Following Items:

Hitec Road

Mr. Moulder & Mr. Kelly addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting issues related to this road along with a proposal from Davis & Floyd [copy filed with these minutes]. Mr. Kelly requested further direction from the Committee. Discussion followed.

It was the consensus of the Committee that all right-of-way issues need to be addressed with the existing businesses on the road before any further direction can be given regarding a swap with the SC Department of Transportation.

Department Activity Update:

Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a written report [copy filed with these minutes] outlining the department activity and special project.

Other Business:

Stone Pond Special Tax District Update

Mr. Moulder related to the Committee issues faced by the Stone Pond Homeowners Association in regards to initiating the tax for their road improvements. He stated that issues center on property ownership, easements, right-of-ways, and storm water. Mr. Moulder also noted that there has been a 27% change in ownership of property in the sub division and they are likely unaware of the pending property tax increase. Lengthy discussion followed.

It was the consensus of the Committee that Mr. Moulder allow the home owners to attempt one additional remedy to the ownership issues and if that is unsuccessful that the County notify the home owners association that the County will initiate an ordinance to rescind the special tax district and that their road improvements will not be made.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council