



MINUTES TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

September 22, 2009

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Chairman

Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I

Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

The Transportation Committee met Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Interim Administrator Kendra Brown, County Attorney Tom Martin and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

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: None.

Call to Order:

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 2 – 0 [Mr. Corbeil was not a seated member at the meetings] to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2009 meeting and the September 3, 2009 meeting as presented.

Ongoing Project Status / Staff Report

Road Improvement List / Proposed: Mr. Kelly presented to Council a copy of the proposed road paving projects for approval along with other handouts [filed with these minutes]. He noted that \$500,000 has been allocated to do in house. Mr. Kelly also noted that these roads have not yet been presented to the County Transportation Committee [CTC] for allocation of “C” funds. This will be done at the October meeting. Discussion followed. No action was taken at this meeting regarding this issue.

Jenkins Bridge Road: Mr. Kelly presented the Committee with a recommendation letter [filed with these minutes] outlining the request to contract with Davis & Floyd to guide county staff through the replacement process for this bridge. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 3 – 0 to approve the estimated \$300,000 for this bridge replacement project as outlined in the memo and to forward this issue to full Council for approval and inclusion in the budget amendment.

Bennettsville Road: Mr. Kelly presented the Committee with a recommendation letter [filed with these minutes] outlining the request to contract with Davis & Floyd to guide county staff through the culvert replacement. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 to approve the estimated \$100,000 for this culvert replacement project as outlined in the memo and to forward this issue to full Council for approval.

New Business:

Flood Event Action Summary / September 20-21, 2009: Mr. Kelly reviewed with the Committee actions taken by the Road Department the weekend of September 20-21, 2009. He noted the following:

- 11 inches of rain fell within a 48 hour period in which localized flooding occurred in the northern area of the county
- 20 trees were cleared off 16 roads
- 23 roads were flooded
- 18 roads were temporarily barricaded
- 23 roads required some work, i.e. scraping and culvert work
- 1,000 staff hours were utilized to deal with this flooding event
- Road closed as of this meeting date needing additional inspection:
 - Camp Road
 - Crystal Lake Road
 - Land Bridge Road
- Roads needing additional inspection:
 - Alberts Road
 - Low Water Bridge Road
 - N. Jenkins Bridge Road

Bridges & Culverts Proposed for Work: Mr. Kelly provided the Committee a listing of bridges and culverts needing work as of this meeting date [copy filed with these minutes]. No action was taken on this issue at this meeting.

Approved Citizen Appearances: None Scheduled

Cuttle Cove [private road] / Dusty Lane [county road]: Ms. Diane Grooms [Cuttle Cove] and Mr. Jim King [Dusty Lane] appeared before the committee requesting county assistance with water run off of a county road causing damage to a private driveway. Ms. Grooms provided photos [filed with these minutes] showing the run off, damage and flooding. Mr. Kelly stated that he had visited the location and that as Cuttle Cove is a private road; the County can not perform any work utilizing taxpayer money to make repairs. Mr. Martin, County attorney, noted also that the county can not do work with public money on private property. Lengthy discussion followed.

The Committee instructed the Roads & Bridges Manager to meet one additional time with the citizen to view the damage and determine if the damage was caused by the run off from a county roadway or as part of the natural catch basin for the area. No action was taken at this meeting regarding this issue.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council