



INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

No audio recording was made of this meeting.

The Oconee County Infrastructure Advisory Commission met Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 1:00 pm in Conference Room, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 S. Pine Street, SC.
(lunch was provided at 12:30 prior to the start of the meeting courtesy of Blue Ridge Electric Coop.)

Commission Members Present:

Present

YES Jim Alexander, OC Economic Development
No TBD, City of Walhalla
YES Alan Blackmon, BREC, Inc. [Vice Chair]
YES Paul Corbett, OC County Council
YES Jim Evers, AT&T
YES Bob Faires, City of Seneca
YES Joey Hawkins, Fort Hill Natural Gas
YES Art Holbrooks, OC Planning
YES Elizabeth Hulse, Secretary

Present

No Mack Kelly, OC Roads & Bridges
YES Scott Moulder, OC Administrator
YES Linda Oliver, Town of West Union
No Mike Powell, OC IT
No Terry Pruitt, Pioneer Rural Water District
YES Lamar Taylor, Duke Energy
YES Bobby Williams, City of Westminster [Chair]
YES Bob Winchester, OORSA
No TBD, City of Salem

GUESTS / PUBLIC: Russell Johnson, OC Economic Development

Press:

Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent & Carlos Galarza - Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Williams called to order at 1:00 p.m. with a quorum present. He thanked the Blue Ridge Electric Coop on behalf of the Commission for the lunch provided prior to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Winchester made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blackmon, approved unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2011 meeting as presented.

Representatives Present Provided the Following Updates:

AT&T

- Salem: Cell Tower fiber feed work ongoing
- No other major projects at present

Fort Hill Natural Gas

- Main Line Extensions ongoing
- New Office opening February 12, 2012
- Discussion regarding potential County sewer expansion down Highway 59

Blue Ridge Electric

- Echo Hills Substation is in process
- Transfer lines in Northern Anderson/Southern Oconee; see significant growth in these two areas in the next 20 years.

Duke Energy

- Continued work at BASF expansion
- Three Phase projects: Nimmons Bridge Road and Doug Hollow Road
- TMobild moving into Oconee County; utilizing cell towers in county

Pioneer Rural Water District	No report provided
OJRSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martins Creek, expect March 4th completion date • Walhalla High School Sewer Project: close to signing contract with engineer • SRF: written agreement regarding septage system development at the WWTP; \$866,000
County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TATT: meeting held 1/31/12 • Council Planning Retreat: 2/7/12, 9A-4P • Ordinance Review: how council and council appointed boards and commission operate
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnering with SDOC regarding new Walhalla High School sewer project • Economic Development opportunities ongoing • Echo Hills: sewer & water being installed with City of Walhalla assistance • Detention Center: options being reviewed and hope to report to council in near future • Capital Projects/Needs: Committee review ongoing • Sewer Issues in County: Work ongoing to identify solutions
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell Tower permits increasing • Pointe West project changing to include additional student development; The Pier • Ozone; ongoing issues regarding EPA implementing standards • Storm Water regulations on hold by EPA also
Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCCP: Master Plan being developed • Echo Hills – Phase I ongoing [water/sewer lines, entrance road] Looking for additional funding to complete the first 300,000 sq. ft. pad • Project FLS / BASF: \$62 Million investment over 25 years, 25 new jobs • Increased inquiries from companies potentially interested in Oconee County • Business Incubator: MLBDC is receiving county support
Information Technology <i>(Mr. Maulder Reported for IT)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband Project FOCUS: 100 miles conduit in ground; 50 miles of fiber in ground; complying with all federal grant requirements. • Legislation: monitoring ongoing of pending legislation that would impact the county's broadband project; close to agreement
Road Department <i>(Mr. Kelly provided written report)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County road paving projects [in-house and contract projects] are scheduled to begin mid-February, with an anticipated completion date of 6/30/12. • Pointe West Village has proposed developing Phase I and The Pier as student housing [rental 4 & 5 bedroom cottages]. Infrastructure impacts are still being evaluated.
City of Walhalla	No report was provided.
City of Seneca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utica expected to complete 2/2012 • Water line work on Sheep Farm Road • Expand: Townville Street near Northside Elementary School
City of Westminster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received ACOG grant for waterline work up Highway 11; proposal will be put out next week

Town of West Union

- Water & Sewer Issues: working with new City of Wallhalla City Council regarding rate increase and impact on services
- Annexation Options being reviewed. County Administrator noted past experience with annexation; he offered assistance if needed

Town of Salem No report was provided.

Old Business:

No Old Business was discussed at this meeting.

New Business:

No New Business was discussed at this meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Infrastructure Advisory Commission is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 S. Pine Street, Wallhalla, SC. [Lunch will be provided Oconee County Administration beginning at 12:30 p.m.]

Adjourn:

Mr. Faires made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alexander, approved unanimously to adjourn at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council