

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes—June 10, 2016, 7:30 A.M.
ALDOT Regional Office

Judge McCollum called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Commission Member Attendees: Judge Hardy McCollum, Chair; Mayor Walt Maddox; Mayor Bobby Herndon; Jim Page; Senator Gerald Allen; Representative Chris England; Dara Longgear; James Brown

Meeting minutes from May 13 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Bobby Herndon seconded by Gerald Allen.

A motion by Senator Allen to approve payment to Rosen Harwood, P.A. for legal services during May and June 2016 was seconded by Mayor Herndon and unanimously passed.

PROJECT OVERVIEWS

Alyce Spruell, legal counsel to the Commission, gave an overview on the priority projects, specifically calling out the legal project status of each. The handout and presentation identified some projects as shovel-ready and others as having not yet engaged a consultant. Spruell and the Commission discussed what would make certain projects more fit to benefit from local funds.

An update was provided regarding the environmental document for McWright's Ferry Road. A previously raised issue arose again regarding concerns that federal dollars could be lost if only built with 2 lanes. Mayor Maddox indicated that the cost savings if completed locally would be around \$6M, without consideration for whether certain federal dollars would need to be repaid.

ALDOT representatives indicated that the Martin Road ALDOT dollars (\$300K) are still available for the project, despite the indication in the initial letter that gave an expiration date on the funds.

Mayor Maddox made a motion to authorize Alyce Spruell to draft agreements with Glenda Webb, City Attorney for Tuscaloosa, for Project Nascar and McFarland Blvd/Hargrove Rd improvements, as presented at the May 13 meeting. Representative England seconded. After brief discussion about ensuring that all agreements are first, within the legislation identifying priorities, and second, give accountability in timelines to prevent delay, the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Herndon abstained from the vote due to surveying conflict.

At 8:20 a.m., Jim Page made a motion to enter executive session to discuss competitive contracts. Dara Longgear seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission left executive session at 8:45 a.m.

Mayor Herndon made a motion to allow Judge McCollum to act on behalf of the Commission to enter agreements with entities including the state of Alabama. Senator Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Whether a messaging plan would be needed for potential agreements was discussed. The Commission members agreed that further plans could be developed at a later date for this.

Judge McCollum planned to send potential dates for the next meeting to the Commission at a later date.

Judge McCollum adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.