

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)

Meeting Minutes --- May 24, 2019

Tuscaloosa City Hall

Commission Member in attendance: Mayor Walt Maddox; Mayor Donna Aaron; Representative Rich Wingo; Representative Chris England; Jim Page; Judge Rob Robertson.

Other Attendees: Rick Harbin, Richard Rush, Susan Snowden, Steve Polunsky, Craig Williams, Edward Henderson, Bruce Higginbotham, Gerald Allen, Clay Randolph, Eddie Pugh, Glenda Webb, John McWilliams, Brad Darden, Kathryn Anderson, Wallace McAdory, Garry Rehm, Ron Davis, Scott Anders, Bill Lamb, David Kemp, Alyce Spruell.

Mayor Maddox called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Meeting minutes from the April meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Representative Wingo, and a second by Judge Robertson.

Rick Harbin presented the financial report. The May deposit from the March 2019 sales tax collected was \$820,000.00, with a current bank balance of \$8,625,132.99, which does not account for (1) outstanding check totaling \$150,000 in project expenses. (TCRIC Counsel Alyce Spruell explained that this was the PE contribution made by TCRIC for the 69S Turn Lanes project and that the check would not be processed until that agreement was finalized. She added that a redraft was in process with the goal to have that completed as soon as possible.)

Alyce Spruell provided a brief update on the Union Chapel Road project construction bid. The bid will have to be relet in July due to an internal paperwork issue within ALDOT. Utility work is progressing and the project should not be delayed due to the construction reletting.

The Contracts Committee report and recommendations were presented by Mayor Aaron as Committee chair. After discussion of the report by the Commission members, the following actions were taken:

- Upon Motion by Mayor Aaron, and second by Jim Page, the Commission unanimously adopted the Contracts Committee recommendation to hire PFM Financial Advisors LLC as TCRIC Financial Advisors; the Commission attorneys are to work with PFM to finalize an engagement agreement for review by the Contracts Committee;
- Upon Motion by Jim Page and second by Mayor Aaron, the Commission unanimously agreed to adopt the Contracts Committee recommendation to renew the audit contract with JMF for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 audits not to exceed \$15,000 in costs per audit; and
- Upon Motion by Judge Robertson and second by Jim Page, the Commission adopted the Contracts Committee recommendation to hire Kim Palm from Carver, Dewitt &

Palm for the remainder of the 2019 calendar year to provide accounting services as outlined in her proposed professional agreement.

Jim Page then provided an overview of the job descriptions discussed by the Contracts Committee regarding the proposed Commission Administrative Director position, and also other information he had located on his own research. Mayor Maddox and all Commission members discussed the benefits of an administrator for public relations and community meeting presentations; to be the communication contact with ALDOT and on all projects; and to have someone who would be an advocate for the Road Commission on a constant basis as there was no one who did that currently. After a brief discussion, the Commission asked the Contracts Committee to work up a possible description for the TCRIC administrator. Judge Robertson asked if this would be a full time or contract position with no determination made until further review and discussion could take place among the Commission members and upon further report from the Contracts Committee.

Brad Darden from the ALDOT West Regional Office provided an audio- visual presentation and handout regarding the add lanes and access management project on US-82 from SR-69 to Rice Mine Road.

Tera Tubbs from the City of Tuscaloosa provided a presentation regarding the BUILD grant application the City of Tuscaloosa, ALDOT and other parties are currently working on regarding the US82-University Boulevard interchange and related infrastructure. After discussion and upon the request from the City, the Commission unanimously adopted the motion of Mayor Aaron, upon a second by Jim Page, that the Commission provide a letter of support for this grant application.

David Kemp from the ALDOT West Regional Office then provided an update on all ALDOT projects in progress. Several questions were asked about the delay in the Lurleen Wallace project and if bids were let by ALDOT with any time compliance requirements or penalties. Representative Wingo then lead a discussion regarding his desire to have all TCRIC projects (and all ALDOT projects as well) include the cost for using concrete as an alternative material.

The meeting was then adjourned. The Commission will next meet on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7:30 a.m at the Tuscaloosa County Courthouse Annex Auditorium.