

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes --- August 26, 2019
Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama

Commission Member Attendees: Mayor Walt Maddox-Chair; Judge Rob Robertson; Jim Page; Claude Edwards; James Brown

Other Attendees: Alyce Spruell, Susan Snowden, Tera Tubbs, Glenda Webb, Ron Davis, Doug Varnon, David Kemp, Sen. Gerald Allen, Richard Rush, Eddie Pugh, Dennis Stripling, Jarrod Milligan, Clay Randolph, Edward Henderson, Robert Spence, Scott Anders, Kim Palm, Jason Morton, Wallace McAdory, Kevin Kane, Lee Garrison, Steven Polunsky

Mayor Maddox called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Meeting minutes from the May meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Judge Robertson, seconded by Jim Page.

The August deposit from June 2019 sales tax collected was \$739,100, with a current bank balance of \$10,238,186. This is an increase from last year. Quarterly statements were provided to the Commission. Palm stated there were no project expenditures since the last quarter. Palm also included a comparative revenue spreadsheet.

The PFM invoice submitted was unanimously approved to be paid after a motion by Judge Robertson, seconded by Jim Page.

The Commission received a memo from Josh McCoy (PFM) regarding the general interest in a line of credit from lenders. McCoy's memo reported good interest from initial contact with banks with relationships with member entities. Mayor Maddox requested an RFP and a work session with PFM immediately following the business meeting. Spruell agreed to provide that information to McCoy.

The draft annual report was presented by Spruell. Tera Tubbs requested resolutions be added to the website. Spruell stated the Commission would need to work with The Nine to get those added.

The job description for an administrator was presented and approved at the last meeting. The contracts committee developed a salary range with the help of the City of Tuscaloosa and Kim Palm and requested approval of the same for posting alongside the job description. After a motion by Jim Page, seconded by Claude Edwards, the Commission adopted the recommendation of the contracts committee and agreed to end of September response time.

Project updates were provided as follows:

SR-69 Turn Lanes was presented to evaluate the potential reporting mechanism provided by ALDOT to Commission (critical path, simultaneous actions, etc.). Kemp asked the Commission to review the information and provide feedback on what was provided. Maddox stated his constituents want shorthand information on timing, funding, delays, etc. Maddox also discussed whether the Chamber could help with some simplified communication tactics related to this information.

SR-69 at Union Chapel is in the award process. Utility relocation is moving along. Ron Davis stated for the City of Northport that the 20% contribution to the construction bid would be paid this week and then the City would request the appropriate reimbursement from ALDOT for its overall 80% contribution.

Lurleen Wallace: University Blvd should now remain open for the remainder of the project.

Judge Robertson asked when Rice Mine to Campus Drive would begin moving, and Kemp stated utilities will start next spring, and right-of-way will start in the next couple of months. It is scheduled for letting next November (2020).

Res. 19-010 seeks \$150,000 on 82/43 preliminary engineering and \$250,000 on 82/69 preliminary engineering regarding potential overpass, according to Kemp. Maddox inquired about availability of REBUILD Alabama money, and Brown stated that ALDOT did not have the funds to proceed on these at this time. Commission members asked if any of the \$750,000 from Rice Mine to Campus Drive included this work in project scope. Kemp stated the Rice Mine to Campus Drive project goes to the project boundary but doesn't include it. They are two separate projects.

Res. 19-010: After a motion by Claude Edwards, seconded by Jim Page, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Spruell gave an overview of the budget amendments presented in Res. 19-011. 69S-Plantation Road was amended to represent the correct 38% contribution. Mayor Maddox inquired about whether this number was sufficient, and Spruell stated that the 38% commitment is to the estimated amount, not the final costs. Overruns are split 50/50 TCRIC/ALDOT. US-82 at Rice Mine was before the Commission within Res. 19-010. Hargrove Road was amended to be consistent with the prior resolution, although the City anticipates an overrun of this amount. Spruell also hopes the overage on US-82/SR-215 will be finalized in September, along with payment on Hargrove Road and Jack Warner Parkway. The budget amendment also reflects a reduction in the University Blvd amount to the max that may be sought in FY2019 (\$50K in ROW paperwork and \$300K in bridge design). **Res. 19-011: After a motion by Judge Robertson, seconded by Claude Edwards, the resolution was adopted unanimously.**

Tera Tubbs stated the Hargrove Road project hopes to have final numbers at the September meeting. Maddox inquired about adding a turn lane on the Snow Hinton Park side. COT and ALDOT reps stated there could be right-of-way issues with trying to do that.

Senator Jones participated in a meeting last week regarding the Jack Warner Parkway project. COT hopes to have construction bid in June 2020, but the railroad permit is the cause of delay. Mayor Maddox stated that the COT would request some reimbursement funding at the September 30 meeting.

The next meetings were announced as September 30 at Bryant Bank, October 28, and November 25.

There was no public comment. Mayor Maddox adjourned the meeting.