

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)  
Meeting Minutes --- August 27, 2018  
Tuscaloosa County Courthouse Annex

Commission Member Attendees: Judge Hardy McCollum-Chair; Mayor Walt Maddox; Senator Gerald Allen; Representative Chris England; Claude Edwards; Jim Page; James Brown

Other Attendees: Susan Snowden, Carly Standridge, John McWilliams, David Kemp, Alyce Spruell, Nicole Hampton, Jason Morton, Rep. Bill Poole, Mike Wright, Glenda Webb, Mark Nelson, Scott Anders, Robert Spence, Eddie Pugh, Selena Fortenberry, Clay Randolph, Bruce Higginbotham, Rob Robertson, Rick Harbin, Ron Davis

Judge McCollum called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Meeting minutes from the July meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Senator Allen seconded by Mayor Maddox.

The financial information on the meeting agenda was reviewed by Rick Harbin. The Commission's current bank balance is approximately \$9.7M, and FY 2018 receipts are currently averaging \$734,000/month. This is 4% greater than at this time in FY 2017.

Res. 18-006: Reimbursement to Tuscaloosa County for \$2,500,000 contributed to the Bear Creek Cutoff Road/US-82 intersection project that has completed final inspection.

VOTE: After a motion by Senator Allen seconded by Mayor Maddox, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Res. 18-007: Reimbursement to Tuscaloosa County for \$700,000 contributed to SR-69 South additional lanes project that is nearing completion.

VOTE: After a motion by Rep. England seconded by Senator Allen, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Nicole Hampton, counsel for TCRIC, discussed the quarterly report due to be posted. Upon motion by Jim Page and upon a second by Gerald Allen, the draft quarterly report was approved unanimously for posting.

Judge McCollum called on counsel Alyce Spruell to provide an update on the progress on the SR-69 South/Skyland Blvd. intersection. Spruell reported that as a follow-up to the Value Engineering report from July, ALDOT has preliminarily determined that none of the major redesigns presented are viable options and/or result in major cost savings. As a result, the Commission is currently working with the design as proposed (\$63-64M). The Commission has asked ALDOT to look at joint funding of the project and that discussion is ongoing. Spruell anticipates the need for a Commission work session during the month of September to iron out related issues.

Scott Anders provided a brief update on Tuscaloosa County-managed projects that are currently under construction. The Bear Creek Road/Bear Creek Cutoff Road alignment project is waiting for a final utility to be moved to resume work. The County is still working with the railroad

companies regarding their approval on certain aspects of the project. The Martin Road project itself is completed with still a few punch list items to finish.

Mayor Maddox asked whether any pre- and post- data was taken on the 69 South add lanes project. David Kemp responded that while he did not have any on hand, he thought that would be easy to obtain since data sets are being taken there regularly.

Judge McCollum asked Glenda Webb to provide an update on the BUILD grant that has been submitted. She stated that additional letters of support, including from the railroad, are in process. Otherwise, December is the anticipated first round of funding announcement.

Bruce Higginbotham reported that the Union Chapel Road project is in condemnation with the last right-of-way parcel.

The meeting was then adjourned. Next meeting: September 24 at the Tuscaloosa County Courthouse Annex at 7:30am.