

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes --- November 26, 2018
Tuscaloosa City Hall Daugherty Room

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

Other Attendees: John McWilliams, Brad Darden, Alyce Spruell, Nicole Hampton, Jason Morton, Rep. Bill Poole, Tera Tubbs, Glenda Webb, Lee Garrison, Scott Anders, Robert Spence, Mark Nelson, Eddie Pugh, Wallace McAdory, Rob Robertson, Rick Harbin, Rep. Rich Wingo, Bruce Higginbotham, Susan Snowden, David Kemp

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

The financial information on the meeting agenda was reviewed by Rick Harbin. FY 2018 concluded with about \$8.8M in collections. The current cash on hand is approximately \$7M. Work with JMF auditors for the TCRIC audit has begun.

James Brown and David Kemp briefly discussed some ALDOT projects. ALDOT is hoping to be done with the Lurleen Wallace project with only one football season impacted (previously anticipated to span two football seasons). The I-20/59 project is on track and hopes to get bridges in place soon. Mayor Maddox inquired about the utilities for the project, and Kemp stated they were moving well. There is still a chance that project could be completed before next football season. The SR-69 South/Skyland intersection project is not under active work while the TCRIC-ALDOT agreement is under consideration. The extension on Hwy 11 is still ongoing. Rep. England inquired about accidents on Kauloosa and whether it could be looked into, and Mr. Brown stated ALDOT would do so. Judge McCollum inquired about whether turn lane improvements could be done on 69S, and Mr. Brown stated that estimates exist for each intersection but that the fiber wire is also at issue there.

Scott Anders provided a brief update on Tuscaloosa County-managed projects that are currently under construction. The reflectors on Martin Rd are nearly finished (there have been some weather delays for the final wearing surface). Bear Creek Road/Bear Creek Cutoff Road alignment project is functioning with flowing traffic as intended with a few items left to be completed. ALDOT reviewed the railroad crossing and reported that it would not recommend lowering arms because of the train frequency and speed and crash data. The removal of the stop signs still seems to be improving along with elevation. Anders inquired about whether the TCRIC wanted the County to proceed without the cross arms and the Commission agreed to follow the County's recommendation.

Bruce Higginbotham gave an update on the Union Chapel Rd/SR-69 North project. The final parcel is in an appeal related to the condemnation, but bond has been posted, so the City hopes to publish for utility relocation in the next 1-2 weeks. The City has also received ALDOT review of

plans for the Charlie Shirley Rd/SR-69 North project and plans to approach TCRIC in the coming months related to the same.

Tera Tubbs reviewed City of Tuscaloosa's work. Hargrove Road is planned for construction completion in January (with signal poles to be installed in February). Mayor Maddox inquired about lighting issues near the project, and Tubbs indicated it should be resolved. JWP is still within right-of-way acquisition and awaiting railroad review of plans. McWright's Ferry Road remains in in-house value engineering.

Alyce Spruell provided a compliance update. The overage on the Bear Creek Intersection project is approximately \$350K at present, and the project is in or about to be in maintenance (which will include the final accounting audit). Spruell stated she is also working on overage potential for Martin Road. The annual report has been provided to the Commission in draft form for review and edits before a vote for approval at the December meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 17.

Rep. England moved for the Commission to move into executive session to discuss the Commission's contractual obligations and negotiations regarding potentially competitive funding dollars from ALDOT. Senator Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

After a motion by Rep. England, seconded by Gerald Allen, the Commission left executive session.

The meeting was then adjourned by Mayor Maddox at 9:00 a.m.