

**Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes - - - October 26, 2021
Northport City Hall**

Commission Member Attendees: Mayor Walt Maddox– Chairman; Mayor Bobby Herndon – Vice Chairman; Judge Rob Robertson; Danielle Winningham; Rep. Rich Wingo; Rep. Chris England

Other Attendees:

Sen. Gerald Allen; Alyce Spruell; Kelly Johns; Kim Palm; Glenda Webb; Wallace McAdory; Brad Matthews; Bill Lamb; Ethan Hand; Edward Henderson; Jarrod Milligan; Clay Randolph; Josh Rogers; Craig Williams; Bryan Gurney; Wendy Shelby; Tom Bobbitt; Carly Standridge; Scott Holmes; Richard Rush; Randy Skagen; Matthew Wilson; Kathryn Anderson; David Kemp; David Howell; John McWilliams; Brad Darden; Bill Pate; Ron Davis; Tito Carlo; Chris Crawford

Mayor Maddox called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Mayor Maddox presented the minutes of September 30, 2021 TCRIC meeting.

Vote: Minutes of the September 30, 2021 meeting was unanimously approved after a motion by Judge Robertson seconded by Rep. Wingo.

Summary of Bills

A summary of bills was presented for the Commission’s consideration.

Vote: A motion to pay bills as presented was made by Judge Robertson seconded by Mayor Herndon and approved unanimously.

Financial Report

Kim Palm presented the accounting report. The ledger balance as of October 19, 2021 was \$14,759,127.66. The interest earned in September was \$383.91 and the fiscal-year-to-date interest earned is \$3,990.45. The October 2021 deposit (August 2021 sales tax collected) was \$884,400, representing a 6.26% increase from October 2020, and 4.99% increase over projected revenue. The projected and actual accrual basis revenues for Fiscal Year 2021 to date are \$8,707,081 and \$9,141,200, respectively. Expenditures to date (for Fiscal Year 2021) is \$3,851,016.

Vote: A motion to approve the financial report, as presented, was made by Rep. Wingo seconded by Ms. Winningham and approved unanimously.

Contracts Committee Report

Mayor Herndon presented a report from the October 25, 2021 Contracts Committee meeting, with the following recommendations:

- Renew the Accounting Contract with Carver, DeWitt, Palm (CDP) for one additional year, for a period of January through December 2022.

Vote: Judge Robertson made a motion to extend the CDP contract as presented. Mayor Herndon seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

- Renew the Auditor Agreement with JamisonMoneyFarmer PC (JMF) for an additional three-year term, for the period of 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Vote: Mayor Herndon made a motion to extend the JMF contract as presented. Rep. Wingo seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

- Renew the Administrator contract with Kelly Johns for one year, for the period of February 14, 2022 through February 13, 2023.

Vote: Ms. Winningham made a motion to extend the administrator contract as presented. Mayor Herndon seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

Administrative

Kelly Johns presented a draft Quarterly Report for the Commission's approval for the period of July through September 2021. Pending the Commission's approval, Johns will share the report on the TCRIC website.

Vote: A motion to approve the report, as presented was made by Judge Robertson seconded by Mayor Herndon and approved unanimously.

Resolution 22-001

Alyce Spruell presented the resolution to approve the payment of \$1,228,036.34 to the City of Tuscaloosa for reimbursement of Right of Way acquisition costs to date associated with the McWrights Ferry Road project.

Vote: After discussion, a motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mayor Herndon seconded by Judge Robertson, and approved unanimously.

Project Updates: City of Tuscaloosa

Clay Randolph, a consultant with BKI, presented updates to the Martin Luther King/Jack Warner Parkway project, on behalf of the City of Tuscaloosa. The project was recently revised to be built in three phases:

Phase I: As previously defined and bid, this phase includes Martin Luther King Blvd from Stillman Blvd. to just north of 5th Street, and Jack Warner Parkway from Nicks Kids Ave to Greensboro Ave.

Phase II: Phase II, as previously presented has been redefined. The "new" phase II will include Jack Warner Parkway from Greensboro Ave to 21st Avenue. An updated map highlighting this Phase as been shared on the TCRIC website. Phase II is expected to go to bid in the next month or two, and construction is expected to be approximately 1 year.

Phase III: This phase will include the remainder of the original project, and will include Martin Luther King Blvd, from just north of 5th Street to Nicks Kids Ave and two railroad bridges.

McWright's Ferry Road Extension: Bryan Gurney reported ROW acquisition is ongoing, with 16 of the needed 45 tracts having been acquired.

Project Updates: City of Northport

SR-69 at Charlie Shirley Road project: Brad Matthews reported that ALDOT is working with BKI, the project consulting engineer, to define the final ALDOT project scope.

Project Updates: Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)

David Kemp (ALDOT) provided ALDOT project updates.

- US-82 / Hwy 43: Kemp briefly discussed the design, which will include widening the turn radius at US-82, to Highway 43 North. A 30% design submittal is expected within the next few weeks.
- US-82 / US-69: The consultant is continuing their work on a study of the intersection to identify possible design options.

- US-82 (SR-69 to Rice Mine Rd) project (Rebuild Alabama): ALDOT has brought maps of the entire project for public viewing today. The project includes 400 working days, with the initial work being on the inside of the project. Two lanes of traffic will remain open between 6 AM and 7 PM, Monday through Friday. ALDOT has awarded the project and plans to meet with the contractor later this week. There was discussion of project oversight and design features, and expected utility relocations.
- US-11 (SR-7) from Daimler Benz Boulevard (Tuscaloosa County) to SR-5 (Bibb County) (not a TCRIC project): Kemp reported that bids have been opened, and the public may view bid information on the ALDOT website. The bid packets include concrete and asphalt alternatives.

Public Comment

Mayor Maddox opened the meeting for public comment. None were received.

Next Meeting

The next TCRIC meeting is scheduled for November 29th at 7:30 AM at The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, and December 20th at 7:30AM at Tuscaloosa City Hall.

Executive Session

Mayor Maddox made a motion that the Commission convene an executive session for the purpose of discussing matters and information that will have a detrimental impact upon the City's competitive position in negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce if disclosed outside an executive session, and which may also impact the City's agreements with the Commission now or in the future.

Vote: Mayor Herndon seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

TCRIC entered executive session.

The Commission left executive session, and the meeting was adjourned.