

**Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)  
Meeting Minutes—July 28, 2017  
Tuscaloosa County Courthouse Annex**

Judge McCollum called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Commission Member Attendees: Judge Hardy McCollum, Chair; Walt Maddox; Donna Aaron; Jim Page; Senator Gerald Allen; Dara Longgrear; James Brown

Other Attendees: Alyce Spruell, Nicole Hampton, Kristina Franklin, Robert Spence, Alicia Rudolph, Wallace McAdory, Michael Pohlod, Phyllis Odom, Eddie Pugh, Mike Wright, Ron Davis, Bruce Higginbotham, Brad Matthews, Tom Bobbitt

Meeting minutes from the June 26 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Gerald Allen seconded by Walt Maddox.

A brief financial update based on a memo from TCRIC accountant Rick Harbin was provided by Alyce Spruell. There is approximately \$3,035,000 on hand after a July deposit of \$716,100.00 with no outstanding July bills left to be paid. Mayor Maddox raised the point that the City of Tuscaloosa has had to cut its operating budget across the board because of city sales tax revenue not meeting projections. The commission briefly discussed how this could impact possible bond ratings and avenues to address the issue for an entity solely funded by sales tax. Spruell stated that most individuals she had talked with regarding possible long-term financing of TCRIC projects stated that a full year of operations (with revenue and disbursements) was needed for a true evaluation. The Commission discussed the possibility of engaging a financial or bond procurement advisor and Spruell stated she would reach out to a few people before the next meeting and told Commission members to let her know if there were specific individuals they would like to contact.

ALDOT representatives Kristina Franklin reviewed for Commission members the maps and project status information proposed for website use to provide the Commission members with updated project information. Lurleen Wallace had a submittal the week after the meeting, and Mayor Maddox requested any ALDOT-specific information on Christ Episcopal be sent to him. University Blvd is waiting on a right-of-way map to be completed. Franklin pointed out that the DCH Foundation building is no longer being acquired, but that the widening work is being moved to the other side of the street. ALDOT anticipates an end of August PS&E submittal and an April 2018 letting. MLK/JWMP is actively in property acquisition. Martin Rd. and Union Chapel Rd. projects are in right-of-way acquisition. Charlie Shirley Road is in the preliminary design phases. Spruell stated that Bear Creek Road concepts will hopefully be ready for next meeting. Dara Longgrear suggested adding more project description on the portions added to the website.

Utilities and right-of-way on 69 South are at approximately \$10M currently. Spruell stated that one of the considerations is whether incremental funding makes sense on some of the larger projects. Maddox stated that given the connection between City of Tuscaloosa and TCRIC, he would like for the City's budget team to meet with Spruell in the next six weeks or so to consider financial status.

Jim Page presented the group with logo and signage options for road signs. Jim worked with TotalCom to get logo options. Signs will be 6" x 10". Regulations dictate color options. Mayor Maddox moved to give Judge McCollum as the chair the authority to make all necessary decisions and move forward with sign creation. The motion was seconded by Gerald Allen and approved unanimously.

Nicole Hampton reviewed the July quarterly report for the Commission. Judge McCollum directed any edits to be sent to Hampton. The Commission approved the posting of the report.

The next meeting of the Commission is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 28 at 7:30 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Judge McCollum adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.