

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes - - - January 30, 2023
Tuscaloosa County Annex Auditorium

Commission Member Attendees: Ms. Glenda Webb - Chair; Judge Rob Robertson; Rep. Chris England; Rep. Bill Lamb; Mr. Jim Page; Mr. Justice Smyth

Other Attendees: Mayor Hinton; Wallace McAdory; Lyndi Blackburn; Brad Darden; Kathryn Anderson; Adriana Dunn; John McWilliams; Justin Fisher; Blake Newman; Tim Weaver; Alyce Spruell; Kelly Johns; Kim Palm; Ed Henderson; Tom Bobitt; Wendy Shelby; Bryan Gurney; Clay Randolph; Jason Walker; Zane Davis; Dennis Stripling; Randy Skagen; Dan Johnson; Rep. Curtis Travis; Rep. Ron Bolton; Tera Tubbs; Rep. Gerald Allen; Alex Sturdivant; Jack McGuire; Mayor Adrian Dudley; Scott Anders; Greg Bissot.

Ms. Glenda Webb called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Ms. Webb announced TCRIC Committee appointments. Mayor Maddox will Chair the TCRIC Contracts Committee, with members to include Mr. Jim Page and Rep. Chris England. Judge Rob Robertson will Chair the TCRIC Finance Committee, with members to include Mr. Justice Smyth and Rep. Bill Lamb.

Ms. Webb presented the minutes from the November 28, 2022 TCRIC meeting.

Vote: Minutes of the November 28, 2022 meeting was unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Page seconded by Judge Robertson.

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 Mr. Smyth and approved unanimously.

Financial Report

Kim Palm presented the accounting report. The ledger balance as of January 23, 2023 was \$17,925,645.42. The interest earned in December 2022 was \$941.92. The December 2022 deposit (October 2022 sales tax collected) was \$1,000,000 (13.64% increase over the prior year). The January 2023 deposit (November 2022 sales tax collected) was \$95,000 (5.59% increase over the prior year). The projected and actual accrual basis revenues for Fiscal Year 2023 to date are \$1,868,000 and \$1,995,000, respectively. There have been no project expenditures to date (for Fiscal Year 2023). Operating expenses to date totals \$38,473.

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

Legal Updates

Alyce Spruell updated the commission on the following:

- TCRIC By Laws have been updated and were shared with the Commission, to reflect the change in entity. Ms. Spruell will present the document again at the February TCRIC meeting for adoption.
- Based on the updated By-Laws, TCRIC members appointed by The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, the Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority and Tuscaloosa Delegation members shall have confirmation from a local stake holder (i.e., City of Tuscaloosa, City of Northport or Tuscaloosa County Commission). Ms. Spruell has begun the confirmation process.
- Ms. Spruell recommends the Commission issue an RFP for insurance, to reflect the change in entity. She will report more on this process at future TCRIC meetings.

Project Updates: Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)

Mr. Wallace McAdory announced the recent promotion of Adriana Dunn as the West Central Region Preconstruction Engineer.

Brad Darden provided ALDOT project updates.

- SR-69 South Intersection Improvements project: Alabama Power continues to work on property acquisition needed for their utility relocation. AT&T has begun their first phase of work. Spire has begun and is expected to be complete by April 2023.
- SR-69: 5th Ave to US-82: TCRIC has executed a funding agreement for PE; the agreement has been sent to ALDOT Central office for review.
- SR-69 North at Charlie Shirley Road: ALDOT expects a Notice to Proceed to be given to the consultant in February to continue PE.
- US-82, SR-69 to Rice Mine Road: The project has experience weather delays; ALDOT expects the median work to be complete in March 2023.

Mr. Darden gave a presentation on the US-82/Hwy 43 Intersection Improvement project, including a plan view of the project, current and proposed traffic ratings and proposed project schedule. ALDOT is requesting that TCRIC fund 20% of the remaining balance of the project (approximately \$1,094,107). TCRIC will call a Finance Committee meeting to further discuss and consider the request.

Project Updates: City of Tuscaloosa

Bryan Gurney provided the City of Tuscaloosa project updates.

Martin Luther King/Jack Warner Parkway:

Phase 1: Work is expected to be complete by the end of January. The contract time has elapsed and will be extended to accommodate additional clearing beyond the construction limits.

Phase 2: Construction is ongoing, and expected to be complete in September 2023. Conduit installation is ongoing on the east side near Comfort Inn. Thompson is coordinating upcoming utility conversation with APCO and AT&T. GFC plans to complete the remaining sanitary sewer work this week, weather permitting.

Phase 3: 100% Final plans for the Mainline were submitted to KCS May 20, 2022. There is a new KCS project Manager, but the City has not received any updates. The City has received comments from HDR (3rd party reviewer), but are awaiting comments from KCS.

McWright's Ferry Road Extension:

The city is finalizing contract documents. A public notice meeting will be held at the Phelps Center on February 9, 2023, to provide opportunity for public to discuss the upcoming project with the engineering team.

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2021 Audit

Dan Johnson, a representative from Jameson Money & Farmer, the Commission's auditor, presented the fiscal year 2022 audit.

Vote: A motion to approve the audit as presented was made by Judge Robertson, seconded by Rep. England, and approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Sen. Allen asked the Commission to be mindful of industrial access in our County. Additionally, he recognized the Mayor of Lakeview, Adrian Dudley, present at the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next TCRIC meeting will be February 27, 2023 at 7:30AM, at Northport City Hall.

Judge Robertson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Page; and pass unanimously. Meeting Adjourned.