

**Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)**  
**Meeting Minutes - - - February 27, 2023**  
**Northport City Hall**

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

Other Attendees: Kelly Johns, Alyce Spruell, Kim Palm, Wendy Shelby, Zane Davis, London Jenkins, Dennis Stripling, Josh Norris, Bryan Gurney, Rep. Ron Bolton, Anwar Aiken, Alex Hainen, Dean McClure, Justin Fisher, Becky Scheeff, Edward Henderson, Tim Weaver, Scott Holmes, Jack Kimbrough, Gregg Bissot, Blake Newman, Brad Newman, David Kemp, Tom Bobitt, Ron Davis, Wallace McAdory, Lyndi Blackburn, Kathryn Anderson, Johns McWilliams, Rep. Curtis Travis

Ms. Glenda Webb called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Ms. Webb presented the minutes from the January 30, 2023 TCRIC meeting.

Vote: Minutes of the January 30, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Smyth.

**Contracts Committee Report**

The Contracts Committee met February 16, 2023 to review a number of contracts. Mayor Maddox gave a brief report and recommendation on each.

The Contracts Committee recommended TCRIC renew the Administrator contract with revisions, to include technical and software support as needed, and to allow for an automatic one-year renewal to the one-year contract unless either party terminates the agreement. (The contract allows for termination at any time with a thirty (30) day notice.)

Vote: The contract renewal, as presented, was unanimously approved after a motion by Mayor Maddox, seconded by Mr. Page.

The Contracts Committee recommended TCRIC approve an amendment to the Carver DeWitt Palm (CDP)/Kim Palm Engagement Agreement, to allow Ms. Palm to invoice for work when requested for matters outside of her basic rate agreement; all invoices would be presented to the Commission for review and approval prior to payment.

Vote: The contract amendment, as presented, was unanimously approved after a motion by Mayor Maddox, seconded by Mr. Page.

The Contracts Committee recommended that TCRIC approve the auditor's additional invoice submission for its additional work outside the normal audit parameters as provided by its contract with TCRIC, with the amount to be paid as presented in the attached summary of bills.

**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 Mayor Maddox, seconded by Judge Robertson and approved unanimously.

**Annual Report**

Kelly Johns presented a draft annual TCRIC report for Fiscal Year 2022.

Vote: A motion to approve the report 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 February 20, 2023 was \$18,885,525.80. The interest earned in January 2023 was \$1,497.87. Interest earned to date is \$8,049.25. The February 2023 deposit (December 2022 sales tax collected) was \$1,074,900 (3.36% increase over the prior year). The actual and projected accrual basis revenues for Fiscal Year 2023 to date are \$3,069,900 and \$2,933,900, respectively. Project expenditures to date (for Fiscal Year 2023) totals \$100,000. Operating expenses to date totals \$76,250.

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

## **Finance Committee Report**

The Finance Committee met February 17, 2023, to review the US-82 at Hwy 43 Intersection Improvement Project (as ALDOT presented at the January 30, 2023 TCRIC Meeting). The presentation included the option to fund the remainder of the project with federal funds (80%) and TCRIC funds (20%). The Finance Committee recommended TCRIC enter into a funding agreement with ALDOT, with funding being 80/20 (ALDOT/TCRIC). Additionally, the Finance Committee recommends revisions to the FY 2023 Budget, as presented in Res. 23-003, to include the requested 20% match.

### **Resolution 23-002: Authorizing Chair to Adopt a Joint Funding Agreement with ALDOT: US-82 at 43 Intersection Improvement and Access Management Project**

Vote: A motion to approve Resolution 23-002 was made by Judge Robertson, seconded by Mr. Smyth and approved unanimously.

### **Resolution 23-003: Budget Amendment No. 1, to FY 2023 TCRIC Budget**

Vote: A motion to approve Resolution 23-003 was made by Judge Robertson, seconded by Mr. Smyth and approved unanimously.

## **Legal Updates**

Ms. Spruell presented the updated Bylaws to the TCRIC members at the last TCRIC meeting. After a brief discussion, the Chair opened the floor for a motion.

Vote: Mayor Maddox made a motion to approve the Bylaws as presented. Mr. Smyth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Spruell also gave a brief update on TCRIC affirmation of appointments, as outlined in the TCRIC By Laws.

## **Project Updates: Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)**

Kathryn Anderson provided ALDOT project updates.

- SR-69 South Intersection Improvements project: Alabama Power continues to work on property acquisitions. AT&T are approximately 90% completed with the first phase of work. The City of Tuscaloosa opened their advertisement for bids yesterday, for their water and sewer relocations.
- SR-69: 5<sup>th</sup> Ave to US-82: The TCRIC/ALDOT agreement has been executed by the TCRIC Chair and is in Montgomery for final signatures from ALDOT and the Governor.
- SR-69 North at Charlie Shirley Road: The Notice to Proceed was recently given to the consultants.
- US-82/Hwy 43: the TCRIC/ALDOT funding agreement is being drafted.
- US-82, SR-69 to Rice Mine Road: The construction is approximately 40% complete. ALDOT expects the median/inside lane work to be complete by the end of March 2023.

**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 March.

Phase 2: Construction is ongoing, and expected to be complete in September 2023. Additional temporary signage has been added to help motorists follow the current detour and lane closures.

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. The City of Tuscaloosa has reached out to State Senators, seeking assistance with communicating with KCS on the review/approval process.

McWright's Ferry Road Extension:

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

**Public Comment**

Ms. Webb recognized Rep. Curtis Travis, as a recently elected Tuscaloosa delegation member.

Mr. Page introduced Anwar Aiken (present at the meeting). Mr. Aiken was previously a KCS employee and is currently a Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee member.

**Next Meeting**

The next TCRIC meeting will be March 27, 2023 at 7:30AM, at Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama.

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