

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes - - - April 24, 2023
Tuscaloosa City Hall

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

Other Attendees: Wallace McAdory, Kelly Johns, Kim Palm, Alyce Spruell, Dennis Stripling, Brad Newman, Tom Bobitt, Zane Davis, Dean McClure, Sen. Gerald Allen, Randy Skagen, Justin Fisher, Blake Newman, Chris Grove, Edward Henderson, Bryan Gurney, Josh Norris, Mayor John Hinton, Kathryn Anderson, Richard Rush, Scott Holmes, Tera Tubbs, Chris Crawford, London Jenkins, Clay Randolph, Rhonda Strickland, Scott Anders, Stacy Cooper

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

Ms. Webb presented the minutes from the February 27, 2023 TCRIC meeting.

Vote: Minutes of the February 27, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Judge Rob Robertson, seconded by Rep. Bill Lamb.

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 Rob Robertson seconded by Mayor Walt Maddox and approved unanimously.

Financial Report

Kim Palm presented the accounting report. The ledger balance as of April 17, 2023 was \$20,654,707.95 The interest earned in March 2023 was \$8,377.88. Interest earned to date is \$13,246.84. The March 2023 deposit (January 2023 sales tax collected) was \$892,000 (4.57% increase over the prior year). The April 2023 deposit (February 2023 sales tax collected) was \$890,000 (5.93% increase over the prior year). The actual and projected accrual basis revenues for Fiscal Year 2023 to date are \$4,851,900 and \$4,669,500, respectively. Project expenditures to date (for Fiscal Year 2023) totals \$100,000. Operating expenses to date totals \$87,750.

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

Contracts Committee Report

The Contracts Committee met Friday, March 31 2023 to review and consider the three (3) responses to the bond counsel request for proposal. After discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the proposal from Hayes Ingram LLC, with Marland Hayes to serve as primary contact for the firm.

The Committee recommends that the Commission authorize the Chair to enter into an agreement with Marland Hayes, with Hayes Ingram, LLC, consistent with the accepted RFP proposal.

Vote: A motion to allow the TCRIC Chairman to enter into an agreement with Hayes Ingram LLC was made by Judge Rob Robertson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Walt Maddox, and approved unanimously.

Resolution 23-004: SR-69 South Intersection Improvement: City of Tuscaloosa's Updated Cost for Utility Relocation

Ms. Alyce Spruell, TCRIC Legal Counsel, presented the resolution and update on the status of the City's utility relocation process.

Vote: A motion to approve Resolution 23-004 was made by Judge Rob Robertson, seconded by Mr. Justice Smyth, and approved unanimously.

Resolution 23-005: Budget Amendment No. 2, to FY 2023 TCRIC Budget

Vote: A motion to approve Resolution 23-005 was made by Judge Rob Robertson, seconded by Mayor Walt Maddox, and approved unanimously.

Legal Updates

Ms. Spruell provided the following updates:

- A funding agreement between ALDOT and TCRIC for the US-82/ Highway 43 project has been drafted and sent to ALDOT central office for review.
- The funding agreement between ALDOT and TCRIC for the SR69 North, 5th Street to US-82 project has been fully executed.

Project Updates: Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)

Kathryn Anderson provided ALDOT project updates.

- SR-69 South Intersection Improvements project: Spire continues to work on their relocation and are expected to be complete in May 2023.
- SR-69: 5th Ave to US-82: The contractor was recently given notice-to-proceed to begin the traffic study.
- SR-69 North at Charlie Shirley Road: The project has been pushed out to next fiscal year for financial planning by ALDOT; 30% plans are expected this summer.
- US-82/Hwy 43: The funding agreement is currently at ALDOT Central office for review.
- US-82, SR-69 to Rice Mine Road: The project is approximately 43% complete. Phase 3 work has begun.

Additionally, Mr. Wallace McAdory reported that ALDOT recently released a request for proposals for the Woolsey Fennell bridge replacement project.

Project Updates: City of Tuscaloosa

Bryan Gurney provided the City of Tuscaloosa project updates.

McWright's Ferry Road Extension:

Mr. Gurney shared drone video footage of the project's current condition, showing clearing and grubbing work recently done.

Martin Luther King/Jack Warner Parkway:

Phase 1: Work is expected to be complete by the end of May 2023.

Phase 2: Construction is ongoing, and expected to be complete in September 2023. Alabama Power is expected to be done with their work in May 2023; following that, AT&T will begin their conversion work.

Phase 3: 100% Final plans for the Mainline were submitted to KCS May 20, 2022. City Staff have had conversations recently with a KCS project manager but no additional design comments have been received.

Public Comment

Ms. Glenda Webb recognized Mr. Jim Page for his years of service with TCRIC, and thanked him for his service, as this was his last TCRIC meeting as a Commission member.

Ms. Glenda Webb opened the meeting for public comment.

- Sen. Gerald Allen reported that he recently met with Rep. Teri Sewell regarding railroad crossing issues. Additionally, he met recently with Mayor Maddox and Mayor Hinton regarding the Eastern bypass, with respect to Tuscaloosa's growth and traffic.
- Kelly Johns shared information about Alabama Transportation Planners Association's (ATPA) Annual Conference, in Tuscaloosa, July 19-21, 2023.

Next Meeting

The next TCRIC meeting will be May 22, 2023 at 7:30AM, at Tuscaloosa County Annex Auditorium.

Mayor Walt Maddox made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Page. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.