

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes - - - September 25, 2023
Tuscaloosa County Annex Auditorium

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

Other Attendees: Kelly Johns, Kim Palm, Alyce Spruell, Marland Hayes, Scott Anders, Zach Wolfe, John McWilliams, Kevin Williamson, Dean McClure, Alex Hainen, Lyndi Blackburn, Tom Bobitt, David Howell, Adriana Dunn, Ron Davis, Gregg Bissot, Josh Murphy, Dennis Stripling, Becky Scheeff, Savannah Hornsby, Scott Holmes, Tera Tubbs, Kathyrn Anderson, Josh Norris, Gerald Allen, Justin Fisher, Clay Randolph, Ron Bolton, Edward Henderson, Carly Standridge, Curtis Travis, Bryan Gurney, Richard Rush, Mike Gardiner, Brad Newman, Chris Crawford, Vanlin Chitaya, Jovontae Thurmon, Mathew Burchess

Ms. Glenda Webb called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

Ms. Webb presented the minutes from the July 31, 2023 TCRIC meeting.

Vote: Minutes of the July 31, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mayor Maddox seconded by Judge Robertson.

Officer Elections

Pursuant to TCRIC by-laws, officer elections are held each September.

Vote: Mayor Maddox made a motion to elect Judge Rob Robertson as TCRIC Chair. The motion was seconded by Rep. Lamb, and passed unanimously.

Ms. Webb made a motion to elect Mayor Maddox as TCRIC Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Judge Robertson and passed unanimously.

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.

Financial Report

Kim Palm presented the accounting report. The ledger balance as of September 18, 2023 was \$20,138,731.91. The interest earned in August 2023 was \$44,442.33. Interest earned to date is \$130,584.85. The September 2023 deposit (July 2023 sales tax collected) was \$880,300 (0.92% decrease over the prior year). The actual and projected accrual basis revenues for Fiscal Year 2023 to date are \$9,566,500 and \$9,426,925, respectively. Project expenditures to date (for Fiscal Year 2023) totals \$259,612. Operating expenses to date totals \$150,298.

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

Contracts Committee Report

The Contracts Committee met on August 21, 2023 to review and consider two (2) response to the general counsel request for proposal. After discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the proposal from Hayes Igram LLC, with Marland Hayes to serve as primary contact for the firm.

Vote: Mayor Maddox made a motion that the Commission authorize the Chair to enter into an agreement with Marland Hayes, with Hayes Ingram, LLC, consistent with the accept RFP Proposal. Judge Robertson seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Rosen Harwood Extension

The Contracts Committee recommended to extend TCRIC's contract with Rosen Harwood (Alyce Spruell) through December 31, 2023.

Vote: A motion was made by Judge Robertson to extend TCRIC's contract with Rosen Harwood. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth, and passed unanimously

Resolution 23-008: Payment for JWP/MLK Project Expense

Ms. Alyce Spruell, TCRIC General Counsel, presented TCRIC Resolution 23-008.

Vote: A motion to approve Resolution 23-008 was made by Judge Robertson seconded by Mr. Smyth, and approved unanimously.

Resolution 23-009: Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2023 Budget and Adoption of the FY 2024 Budget

Ms. Alyce Spruell also presented TCRIC Resolution 23-009.

Vote: A motion to approve Resolution 23-009 was made by Mayor Maddox seconded by Judge Robertson, and approved unanimously.

Project Updates: City of Tuscaloosa (COT)

Bryan Gurney provided the City of Tuscaloosa project updates.

- McWright's Ferry Road Extension: The contractor's focus has been on the bridge subsurface foundation which is essentially complete.
- Martin Luther King/Jack Warner Parkway:
 - Phase 1: Construction is essentially complete; COT has taken over maintenance. The City Council recently approved a final close out change order.
 - Phase 2: Private utility relocation work has taken longer than planned; project completion is expected in November 2023. The West side of the project will be closed October 21st; the traffic pattern will then flip to the eastern half. The City Council recently approved a change order for Phase 2.
 - Phase 3: CPKC (formerly KCS) responded to COT's June 2023 plans submittal with comments; COT resubmitted 100% plans September 22, 2023. The updated cost estimate is expected later this week.
- SR-69 South Intersection Improvements (City Utility Relocation): The COT utility relocation (water and sewer) is underway; the focus will shift closer to the intersection towards the end of the year.

Project Updates: Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)

Adriana Dunn and Wallace McAdory provided ALDOT project updates.

- SR-69 South Intersection Improvements project: The project is scheduled for a January 2024 letting. APCO distribution began their work last week.
- SR-69: 5th Ave to US-82: The consultant is gathering additional drone footage.
- SR-69 North at Charlie Shirley Road: ALDOT did a plan review in July.
- US-82 at Hwy 43: Public involvement meeting will be held tonight, beginning at 5:00pm at Northport City Hall.
- US-82, SR-69 to Rice Mine Rd: Construction is ongoing and approximately 56% complete.

Public Comment

TCRIC Chair Webb opened the meeting for public comment.

- Sen. Gerald Allen reported that a group of local leaders met a few weeks ago to discuss the Tuscaloosa Eastern Bypass project; he encouraged TCRIC members to consider supporting the project.

Next Meeting

The next TCRIC meeting will be October 30, 2023 at Northport City Hall.