

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission, Inc.
Meeting Minutes - - - March 31, 2025
Northport City Hall

Commission Member Attendees:

Mayor Walt Maddox (TCRIC Chair)	Rep. Chris England
Ms. Glenda Webb (TCRIC Vice Chair)	Rep. Bill Lamb
Judge Robertson (TCRIC Secretary)	Mr. Justice Smyth
Mr. Kyle South	Mr. Wallace McAdory (ex officio)

Other Attendees: Kelly Johns, Marland Hayes, Kim Palm, Lyndi Blackburn, Kathryn Anderson, Mike Gardiner, Sen. Gerald Allen, Clay Randolph, Rep. Ron Bolton, John McWilliams, Tom Bobitt, Dennis Striping, Adriana Dunn, Brian Hynniman, Zane Davis, Dean McClure, Scott Anders, Savannah Hornsby, Ashley Maddox, Mayor John Hinton, Frank Summers, Rep. Bryan Brinyark, Chris Crawford.

Mayor Walt Maddox called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Minutes of Previous TCRIC Meeting

Mayor Walt Maddox presented the minutes from the January 27, 2025 TCRIC meeting.

Vote: Minutes of the January 27, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Ms. Glenda Webb, seconded by Mr. Kyle South.

Summary of Bills

Ms. Kelly Johns, TCRIC Administrator, presented a summary of bills for TCRIC's consideration.

Vote: A motion to pay bills, as presented, was made by Mr. Justice Smyth, seconded by Mr. Kyle South, and approved unanimously.

Annual Report

Ms. Kelly Johns presented a draft annual TCRIC report for Fiscal Year 2024.

Vote: A motion to approve the annual report was made by Ms. Glenda Webb, seconded by Judge Rob Robertson, and approved unanimously.

Contracts Committee Report

Glenda Webb, Contracts Committee Chair gave the following report. The Contracts Committee met on March 28, 2025 to consider matters with regard to three contracts. After considered discussion, the Contracts Committee voted affirmatively to recommend that the TCRIC members approve actions with respect to those three contracts as follows:

The Contracts Committee recommended, and Ms. Webb made a motion, that TCRIC extend and renew its contract with JamisonMoneyFarmer PC for auditing services increasing the annual compensation payable to JamisonMoneyFarmer to \$16,500 and otherwise on the same terms and conditions as TCRIC's existing contract with JamisonMoneyFarmer

Vote: The motion was seconded by Mr. Justice Smyth, and approved unanimously.

The Contracts Committee recommended, and Ms. Webb made a motion, that TCRIC extend and renew its contract with Ms. Kelly Johns for services as the Administrator of TCRIC increasing her annual compensation to \$72,812 and otherwise on the same terms and conditions as TCRIC's existing contract with Ms. Johns.

Vote: The motion was seconded by Rep. Chris England, and approved unanimously.

The Contracts Committee recommended, and Ms. Webb made a motion, that TCRIC extend, renew, and amend its funding agreement with ALDOT with respect to the SR-69 South (Plantation Road to I-359)

project; and further that TCRIC authorize, empower, and direct Judge Rob Robertson, as representative of TCRIC, to finalize negotiations with ALDOT within the parameters discussed during the Contracts Committee meeting for such project; and further, upon the completion of such negotiations, that TCRIC authorize, empower, and direct TCRIC Chair Walt Maddox to execute and deliver an amendment, modification, or replacement to such funding agreement.

Vote: The motion was seconded by Rep. Bill Lamb, and approved unanimously.

Financial Report

Kim Palm (Carver Dewitt & Palm) presented the accounting report. The ledger balance as of March 25, 2025 was \$23,207,173.13. The interest earned in February 2025 was \$55,439.70. Interest earned, year to date is \$270,829.78. The March 2025 deposit (January 2025 sales tax collected) was \$885,000 (2.4% increase over the prior year). The February 2025 deposit (December 2024 sales tax collected) was \$1,040,000 (6.64% decrease over the prior year). The actual and projected accrual basis revenues for Fiscal Year 2025 to date are \$3,972,500 and \$4,003,300, respectively. Project expenditures and operating expenditures to date for Fiscal Year 2025 (October 1, 2024 – March 25, 2025) total \$788,471 and \$74,938, respectively.

Vote: A motion to approve the report, as presented, was made by Judge Rob Robertson, seconded by Ms. Glenda Webb, and approved unanimously.

Project Updates: City of Tuscaloosa (COT)

Mr. Mike Gardiner (COT City Engineer) provided the COT project updates.

- Martin Luther King/Jack Warner Parkway, Phase 3: CPKC submitted comment to COT regarding the spur line; COT has responded and a response from CPKC is expected soon.
- McWright's Ferry Road Extension: Construction is ongoing and on schedule.

Project Updates: Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)

Ms. Adrianna Dunn (ALDOT West Central Region) provided the following ALDOT project updates.

- SR-69: 5th Street to US-82: ALDOT hosted a public involvement meeting February 6, 2025. The public comment period ended February 24, 2025. The consultant is finalizing the access study report.
- US-82/US-43 Intersection Improvements: The design consultant is working with the City of Northport to finalize the drainage design, and will provide an updated cost estimate in early April.

Wallace McAdory (ALDOT West Central Region Engineer) reported the following:

- US-82, SR-69 to Rice Mine Rd: The project is substantially complete. A completion ceremony with Governor Ivey was held in February.

Adrianna Dunn gave a presentation on the updated design for SR-69 South Intersection Project. The design presented, referenced as "Alternate 3", includes a grade separation of the northbound lanes of SR-69. Motorists traveling north on SR-69 would cross over Skyland Blvd, and then have a dedicated lane to enter I-59 East. ALDOT reported that the current estimate for this option would cost approximately \$76M in addition to funds already contributed to the project by TCRIC and ALDOT.

Legal Updates

Mr. Marland Hayes reported that he continues to monitor two ongoing condemnation cases, related to the SR-69 North at Union Chapel Road project and the SR-69 South Intersection Improvement project. Regarding the latter, a trial was set for March 2025, but both parties agreed to move to mediation.

Public Comment

Mayor Maddox opened the meeting for public comment.

- Sen. Gerald Allen reported to the Commission that he had brought copies of Alabama House Bill 600, that created TCRIC, for anyone who may want a copy.

Meeting adjourned.