

**Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission, Inc.**  
**Meeting Minutes - - - January 26, 2026**  
**Tuscaloosa City Hall**

Commission Member Attendees:

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

Other Attendees: Kim Palm, Kelly Johns, Marland Hayes, Lyndi Blackburn, Mike Gardiner, John McWilliams, Reed Lightsey, Rep. Ron Bolton, Richard Rush, Adriana Dunn, Josh Norris, Scott Anders, Jason Walker, Joe Eatman

Judge Robertson called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

**Minutes of Previous TCRIC Meeting**

Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the most recent TCRIC Commission meeting (October 27, 2025).

Vote: Meeting minutes of the October 27, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Kyle South, seconded by Rep. Bill Lamb.

**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. Kyle South, seconded by Rep. Chris England, and approved unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Ms. Kim Palm Carver Dewitt & Palm) presented the accounting report.

- The ledger balance as of January 21, 2026 was \$8,964,114.57.
- Interest earned in December 2025 was \$17,426.81.
- Interest earned year to date (October 1, 2025 through January 21, 2026), on certificates of deposit and a money market account is \$357,773.85.
- Monthly deposits since the last the TCRIC meeting are as follows:
  - \$1,073,900 (0.84% increase over the prior year) deposited in November 2025 (from September 2025 sales tax collected).
  - \$1,056,500 (1.93% increase over the prior year) deposited in December 2025 (from October 2025 sales tax collected).
  - \$1,020,500 (0.94% increase over the prior year) deposited in January 2026 (from November 2025 sales tax collected).
- The actual and projected accrual-basis revenues for Fiscal Year 2026 to date are \$2,077,000 and \$2,047,500, respectively.
- Project expenditures and operating expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 – January 21, 2026) total \$0 and \$45,130, respectively.

Vote: Mr. Kyle South made a motion to approve the financial report, as presented. The motion was seconded by Rep. Bill Lamb, and approved unanimously.

### **Presentation of Fiscal Year 2025 Audit**

The FY 2025 audit was presented by Reed Lightsey (JMF), for the Commission's consideration.

Vote: A motion to approve the audit was made by Mayor Walt Maddox, seconded by Mayor Dale Phillips and approved unanimously.

### **Annual Report**

Ms. Kelly Johns presented a draft annual TCRIC report for Fiscal Year 2025.

Vote: A motion to approve the annual report was made by Mayor Walt Maddox, seconded by Mr. Kyle South, and approved unanimously.

### **TCRIC Contracts**

The following contracts were presented to be extended:

- Kelly Johns, TCRIC Administrator, current terms through December 31, 2026.
- Marland Hayes of Hayes Ingram, Legal Counsel, current terms through December 31, 2026.
- Kim Palm of Carver, Dewitt, Palm, Accountant, current terms through December 31, 2026.
- PFM, Financial Advisors, current terms through June 25, 2026.

Vote: A motion to approve the extension of all four contracts was made by Mayor Walt Maddox, seconded by Mr. Kyle South, 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: The bid process began in November 2025, with bid openings scheduled for March 2026.
- McWright's Ferry Road Extension: Close-out documents are being processed; the project is expected to be under budget.

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

Ms. Kathryn Anderson (ALDOT West Central Region) provided the following ALDOT project updates.

- SR-69 Intersection Improvements (Plantation Road to I-59 Overpass): The 50% review has been completed; 85% submittal will be in March 2026. Public comment period will end February 20, 2026.
- US-82 at US-43 Intersection Improvements: Letting is now set for Fall 2026. TTL is completing their review of drainage plans.

### **Project Updates: Tuscaloosa County**

Mr. Scott Anders (Tuscaloosa County Public Works) provided the following Tuscaloosa County project update.

- Connector Road Project: PE and ROW acquisition are in process.

### **Legal Updates**

Mr. Marland Hayes reminded the Commission for the need to amend TCRIC's organizational documents in the future, including the articles of incorporation and the bylaws. Judge Robertson, TCRIC Chair, will begin the review process and appoint an ad-hoc committee if needed.

### **Public Comment**

Judge Robertson opened the meeting for public comment.

- Mayor Dale Phillips address the Commission, stating that he was looking forward to working with TCRIC and highlighted a few projects including the City's Main Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave project.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Judge Robertson made a suggestion that TCRIC Full Commission meetings be set every-other-month going forward.

Vote: A motion was made to schedule meetings bi-monthly by Mr. Kyle South, and seconded by Rep. Bill Lamb. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next TCRIC Commission meeting will be March 30, 2026 at Northport City Hall.

Meeting adjourned.