

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes—April 29, 2016, 7:30 A.M.
Tuscaloosa City Hall-Daughtery Room

Judge McCollum called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Attendees: Judge Hardy McCollum, Chair; Mayor Walt Maddox; Jim Page (by phone); Senator Gerald Allen; Representative Chris England; Dara Longgear; James Brown; David Kemp; Alyce Spruell; Nicole Bohannon; Scott Collins; Glenda Webb; Ron Davis; Robert Spence; Charles Swann; John Powell Webb

Meeting minutes from April 11 meeting were approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-002

A resolution was adopted unanimously authorizing the submission of insurance applications on the Commission's behalf (Motion by Dara Longgear, Seconded by Gerald Allen)

- Judge McCollum expressed concern over such a high premium and raised whether the Commission could be covered under one of the underlying entities.
- Board counsel Alyce Spruell informed the Commission that she had received one quote for over \$5,000, but believed that once accurate applications are submitted the quotes will be greatly reduced.
- Commission agreed to continue the discussion once additional quotes have been obtained.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-004

A resolution was adopted unanimously authorizing a request for proposal for certified public accounting services (Motion by Gerald Allen, Seconded by Walt Maddox)

RESOLUTION NO. 16-005

A resolution was adopted unanimously authorizing a request for proposal for auditing services (Motion by Gerald Allen, Seconded by Walt Maddox)

- Judge McCollum made note that auditing services are not needed immediately, but that this would get the ball rolling.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-003

A resolution was adopted unanimously authorizing a contract with The Nine for website services and payment of a \$2,000.00 invoice (Motion by Gerald Allen, Seconded by James Brown)

- Agreement based on Scott Collins' previous oral agreement with The Nine
- Invoice will represent full payment to agency besides a monthly \$50.00 maintenance/hosting fee.
- Content will be managed by The Chamber.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-006

A resolution was adopted unanimously authorizing payment of legal invoices for March and April 2016 to Rosen Harwood, PA (Motion by Walt Maddox, Seconded by Gerald Allen)

- Engagement agreement also approved based on terms of RFP and response from February 2016

OPEN MEETINGS ACT & ETHICS LAW REVIEW

Board counsel Alyce Spruell briefly reviewed reminders to the Commission of OMA notice requirements for Commission meetings, and told the Commission that there is still one pending piece of legislation that would amend the OMA and if so, she will let them know. Spruell also reviewed basic ethics guidelines based on Alabama law and the Commission by-laws draft, and told the Commission to please always let her or Judge McCollum know of any concerns with conflicts.

- Judge McCollum reminded Commission members to include membership on May 2 disclosure filings.

COMMISSION BY-LAWS

The Commission adopted unanimously final by-laws, as reviewed and edited by Board counsel and legal counsel for each entity. (Motion by Walt Maddox, Seconded by Gerald Allen)

RESOLUTION NO. 16-007

A resolution was adopted unanimously adopting Robert's Rules of Order under separate rules of procedure are adopted by the Commission, in accordance with by-laws just adopted (Motion by Gerald Allen, Seconded by Walt Maddox)

ALDOT AGREEMENT/FUNDING

Senator Allen and Ms. Spruell provided the Commission with an update regarding negotiations with ALDOT. Ms. Spruell let the board know that the agreement has thus far been through several rounds of revisions, but concerns still exist about whether additional revenues will be available to ALDOT from the legislative session and as a result, other funding possibilities are a crucial part of the negotiations to be sure a proper match from ALDOT is achieved. Reallocation of funds previously allocated for projects that have not been obligated beyond a certain percentage is a major possibility—even if Commission decides not to pursue it itself, needs to be aware that it is a possibility for others to initiate as well.

- Spruell confirmed to Mayor Maddox that the agreement in current draft will not start ALDOT funding until FY 2019, in accordance with the end of the Huntsville agreement.
- Spruell also mentioned that she is still waiting on FAST Act regs to come down, as well as for the latest STIP to show local project schedules.

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

HB 348: Was passed on 4/28/16; takes care of publication concerns from previous legislation.

SB 267: Senator Allen and Representative England provided an update on SB 267 related to appropriation of BP settlement funds, which passed the House late on 4/28/16. The bill primarily provided funding to Mobile/Baldwin Counties. Senator Allen expects the bill to look much different out of conference committee.

TUSCALOOSA EASTERN BYPASS: Though not a part of HB 600's priority list, the Commission discussed the importance of keeping TEB in the bigger picture of our construction infrastructure. The Commission generally agreed that it isn't the biggest issue in front of us that needs to be immediately addressed, but remains important to strategic growth discussions.

- Senator Allen requested an update from David at the next meeting regarding the status of TEB all around.

PROJECT DISCUSSION: Mayor Maddox reminded the Commission that as previously stated, the City plans to propose an agreement at the next meeting that would enable the City to move forward with MLK/JWP and McWright's Ferry projects with ALDOT management. Brief discussion also occurred about 69S project and the time frames on it from ALDOT. Mayor Maddox inquired generally about the structure of ALDOT reimbursement agreements. James and David responded that is usually monthly repayments. Brief discussion was raised again about the infrastructure bank, but again, there are still no procedures in place for it to operate. Mayor Maddox requested confirmation from counsel about whether the infrastructure bank funds would also create new standards and requirements during construction.

The Commission set its next meeting for Friday, May 13, at 7:30 a.m. in the Daughtery Room at City Hall.

Judge McCollum adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.